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Castro tops young author contest

The Lady Diann Torres Foundation named yesterday the winners of the first ever young author's competition.

The winners were Coloma Castro, 8th grade, Hopwood Middle School, with a book titled *I Lina'la' Hu*, which means "My Life" in English; Adora Jay San Nicolas, 5th grade, Sinapalo Elementary School, with her book

Hafa Sinintete-mu? which means "How are you feeling?"; and Katrina Gaag, 7th grade, Chacha Oceanview Middle School, with her book *Kkol Refaluwasch Me Rei*. Gaag's story was the only Carolinian entry.

The winners of the Language in Literacy Young Au-

thor's Competition were chosen from a crop of 32 entries from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

First lady Diann Torres through the Lady Diann Torres Foundation launched the Language in Literacy Young Author's Program and Young Author's Competition earlier

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Police officers and firefighters have a group photo with Hard Rock Café Saipan staff during the burger eating contest for the Guns & Hoses event sponsored by Hard Rock Café on Wednesday. Police officers defeated firefighters, who are the perennial winners.

IN HARD ROCK CAFÉ'S BURGER EATING CONTEST

Cops dethrone firefighters

Police officers wrested the crown Wednesday from the perennial winners—firefighters—to be named the winners of this year's Guns & Hoses burger eating contest.

Police officers Carl Hocog, Daniel Kintol, Buddy Igitol,

and Ramon Saralu chowed down Hard Rock Café's famous 10-ounce spicy legendary burgers with onion rings and bacons to defeat the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services' team composed of firefighters J.J.

Concepcion, Daylan PUa, Paul Manglona, and Daverick Camacho.

The contest was sponsored by Hard Rock Café in celebration of its 46th Founders Day.

Hard Rock Café Saipan

purchase manager Nida Palconit said they have been doing the burger eating contest every year since they opened in 1997 in support of firefighters and police for helping the community during times of distress or emergencies.

The winning police of-

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Coloma Castro is named the overall winner of the Young Author's Competition with his book titled *I Lina'la' Hu*.

'Fixer bill' dismays CHCC appointees

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REPORTER

Two appointees to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board testified Wednesday against a bill that seeks to clarify the roles of the corpo-

ration's chief executive officer and the board itself.

Lauri Ogumoro and Leticia Reyes testified against Senate Bill 20-29, pointing out that the board appointees must first be given time to act under the

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A rifle-wielding attacker opens fire on Republican lawmakers.

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'A thing of beauty'

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REPORTER

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) believes the late governor Eloy R. Inos would have reacted with a quizzical "Why? Why are you doing this?" if he learns that the newly unveiled park in Puerto Rico is now officially named after him.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law yesterday House Bill 20-56 to officially name the park as the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park.

Demapan, who authored the bill, said the park is "a true example of how we can come back from being [something] in its worst state in history to a thing of beauty."

The park overlooks the west-

ern lagoon of Saipan. It used to be an unsightly landfill.

Torres, when asked about his thoughts after signing Public Law 20-02 into law, said: "I would not be where I am at without him. I got to really respect him as a person and as a leader."

"He was a genuinely good guy. This was our last groundbreaking with him and it meant a lot because he made sure I was there early that day," he added.

Torres assured that the park would be "well-maintained."

"Give it a few more years and we are really going to see it turn into a park with mature trees and flowers," he said.

The family of the late governor was also present during

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FOR 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR NMC gets clean audit

For the 10th consecutive year, the Northern Marianas College has received a favorable audit opinion—an unqualified opinion—on its financial statements. The college has also received an unqualified auditor's opinion on its internal control and compliance report. Additionally, there were neither audit findings nor questioned costs for the second consecutive year.

An unqualified opinion means that the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of NMC as of Sept. 30, 2016, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.

"The 10th clean audit opinion reflects the college's longstanding commitment to excellent financial management and rigorous internal controls," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

The college had also been designated as a "low risk" auditee by its independent auditors. This designation means less administrative burden for the institution in applying for and administering grants, fewer audit requirements, and higher confidence in the institution

by federal agencies and the community.

"I would like to commend NMC's Finance Department, the Procurement and Property Management Office, and other employees for maintaining the highest standards in managing the college's finances and assets," added Fernandez.

According to NMC's chief financial officer Andrew Reese, the college's independent audit identified no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or material noncompliance with the college's financial statements.

He also reported that the independent auditor's reports on internal control and compliance contained zero findings.

A copy of NMC's financial audit, prepared by Burger Comer Magliari, has been transmitted to the Office of the Public Auditor and will be made available for download at NMC's website www.marianas.edu. (NMC)

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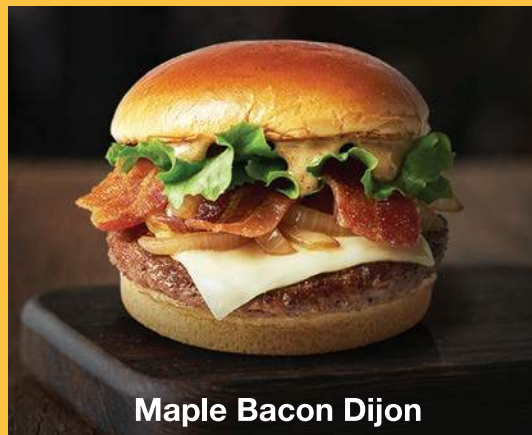
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Sexual abuse case against Santos dismissed

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted yesterday the Office of the Attorney General's motion to dismiss without prejudice the case against

David Blanco Santos, a 50-year-old man accused of sexually abusing a girl.

Dismissed without prejudice means the OAG may re-file the case in the future.

Camacho also vacated his order to require an explanation from the OAG why it should not be punished for filing the motion three business days before the trial.

Camacho accepted assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley's explanation about the late filing of the motion.

Baisley said they found

new information only last Monday that prompted them to decide to drop the case.

In the government's motion to dismiss, assistant attorney general Teri C. Teno-

rio disclosed that the victim has expressed an inability to testify at the trial that was supposed to commence on Monday.

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski, counsel for Santos, did not oppose to the motion.



First lady Diann Torres and honorary award recipient Jeremy Santos and her mother are joined by Tanapag Elementary School teachers and administrators.

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CASTRO

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this year to jumpstart the lan-

guage and literacy portion and mission of her foundation. The Young Author's Program was designed to promote the learning and use of the indigenous

Chamorro and Carolinian languages.

The competition's honorary awardees are Yonnie Babauta, 6th grade, Chacha Oceanview



First lady Diann Torres presents the honorary award to young author Yonnie Babauta and winning author Katrina Gaag at Chacha Oceanview. They were accompanied by school principal Vincent Dela Cruz, teachers, and other school administrators.

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Middle School with book titled *I Batchit Lina 'la-hu Ni Chamorro*. This entry was the only Braille entry designed specifically for readers who are visually impaired or blind; and Jeremy Santos, 3rd grade, Tinian Elementary School, with book titled *I Finenina Na Kinine 'hu Guihan*, which means "The first fish I have ever caught."

There were three categories for the competition: grades 4-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

Entries were not to exceed 250 words for grades 4-8 and 500 for grades 9-12. They had to be submitted in Microsoft Word format or Google Docs

with a 12 points Times New Roman font and single spaced between lines.

Winning story entries were granted an exclusive partnership with a professional illustrator and full publishing opportunity.

Trophies were presented to winners and honorary recipients. Cash prizes were extended to both winners.

"I was extremely happy to see our young authors take part in this competition," said Torres. "For a long time, I have had this dream of developing a program that will bring excitement to storytelling and short story writing, specifically for children, us-

ing the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian languages."

Torres gave thanks to IT&E for its support of this program and to a group of volunteers "who helped make this dream a reality."

Published books will be entered in CNMI local public and school libraries.

Judges for this competition were Joe Sanchez, Roman Tudela Jr., Joe Limes, and John Tagabuel.

For information about the Lady Diann Torres Foundation Language in Literacy Young Author's Program, email ladydiantorres@gmail.com or call 235-2383(LDTF). (*Saipan Tribune*)



Sinapalo Elementary School principal Daisy Quitagua and vice principal Marvin Tamangid accepted the winning author's trophy from Lady Diann Torres Foundation vice president Geri Dela Cruz on behalf of Adora San Nicolas.

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provisions of Public Law 19-78, the law that transformed the CHCC board in January from having an advisory role to a governing one.

"Having an amendment done to PL 19-78 [forces us] to have a different mindset at CHCC," said Reyes. "Try us out first. We haven't even organized ourselves yet. Give us a chance and if our performance is good, let's continue. If not, let's work it out."

CHCC CEO Esther Muña, who testified in support of SB 20-29, referenced her June 1, 2017, letter to Senate Health and Welfare Committee chair Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota).

"...we believe SB 20-29 takes necessary steps to improve the accountability of the organization while also clearly defining the function of the board, and ensuring compliance with governance requirements of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, or CMS," she wrote.

According to Muña, CMS is the largest revenue source for

CHCC.

SB 20-29, authored by Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), clarifies the differences between the CHCC CEO and the board of directors.

In PL 19-78, the five-person CHCC is given control of the corporation's day-to-day operations, functions, and activities—the same tasks the CEO usually does.

SB 20-29 clarified that the board would oversee the activity of the corporation and the CEO, establish clear and reasonable financial objectives for the corporation, adopt

a strategic plan for meeting the healthcare needs of the CNMI in line with its financial objectives, and other provisions that essentially manages CHCC as a whole rather than focusing on the hospital's day-to-day operations, which the bill specified is the CEO's responsibility.

As of publication, the members of the CHCC board are William Cing representing Tinian, Dr. Larry Hocog representing Rota, and Leticia Reyes, David Rosario, and Lauri Ogumoro representing Saipan.

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ficers as well as the firefighters received T-shirts and key chains as prizes.

DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong thanked Hard Rock for its community program for firefighters and police officers.

"We enjoy it. Fire wins ev-

ery year, seven years in a row. It's the first time DPS won," Tarkong said.

Hard Rock on Wednesday gave a 25-percent discount to all the service personnel—police officers, firefighters, and hospital staff—and 15 percent for local guests.

Hard Rock Café Saipan opened in August 1997. It has 170 branches worldwide. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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the signing of the bill.

"I just want to thank [Torres], Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, [Demapan], and all of the legislators for honoring the memory of my father. We are very grateful," said Dora Inos Deleon Guerrero, the late governor's eldest daughter.

Demapan said the park was named after the late governor for his involvement in transforming the landfill into a park.

"The full regulatory closure and the full implementation of the plan to change the landfill into a park really happened during the Inos administration," he said.

Demapan was Inos' press secretary.

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REPORTER

The Hotel Association of the Marianas Islands believes that temporarily suspending all new flights into the CNMI is a "smart move" and has offered its help to the local government as it assesses the capacity of the CNMI to accommodate more tourists.

"The moratorium is a smart move. We have tourists walking in suitcases on Beach Road and Middle Road and it is not a good sight. We have hotels that are booked all the way until September. For this

calendar year, the major hotels have reported their numbers to us and we are at an occupancy average of 92.29 percent," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh.

She acknowledged that hotel rates are at an all-time high. "The rates that we have this year are just record breaking. The beginning of 2013 is when the market started going up again for the hotels. But in 2016 and this year, the leap was just tremendous."

HANMI believes the 60-day suspension is necessary and came at the right time.

"We support the ban for 60

days for new flights so that all of us can strategically plan on what to do. HANMI can help, [the Marianas Visitors Authority] can help. It would be good for the government to go straight to the sources because we can provide studies and numbers."

"The moratorium also came at the right time as well because by September and October, we go into slow season. Hotels will have rooms to accommodate the flights in but until then, July and August have always been the busier months because its summer," Cavanagh said.

On its own, Cavanagh said, that the hotel industry has been expanding. Currently, new hotel projects in the CNMI are underway. "There are projects that are already in the pipe. ... Some are under construction and some not nearly under construction. But it goes to show that there are more hotels are being built."

Among the ongoing hotel projects are the Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan, a 500-room hotel in San Roque that is scheduled to come online in 2018, and the Ocean Vista project on Capital Hill.

"We also welcome the birth

of [bed-and-breakfast rooms] and guest houses on island. They help in the accommodation problem we now face. But I do hope the government is true to its word as far as enforcement of hotel occupancy tax. Everybody has to contribute to the economy."

Once the moratorium is lifted, Cavanagh believes the CNMI can handle an additional one to two flights from different destinations.

"Sixty days is enough and ideal because it goes through the period that is already very busy. When it is lifted, adding one or two flights from particular destinations that have high yield would be ideal. We can't rely on just one or two,

especially one that can be cut at any time. We can't rely on just one market, like the time we relied on the Japanese market. When they pulled out, we were left with no options. We need to make sure we have a healthy diversity," she said.

Hotels in the Commonwealth look at Russia as a lucrative market. "It's not the numbers but they stay longer and spend a lot of money while on vacation, which is good for tourism. We also hear that the Japanese market either from Nagoya or Osaka will come in. We have to look at these opportunities and have a strategy," Cavanagh said.



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Larson's motion to disqualify Manibusan is denied

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REPORTER

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson's motion to disqualify Attorney General Edward Manibusan from being as counsel or a party to Manibusan's lawsuit against her that challenges the salary increases the Legislature had approved for some elected officials was denied yesterday.

In a 12-page order, Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja ruled that barring Manibusan from even being a party to a suit against Larson is inappropriate because the AG had appointed an independent

counsel, which alleviates the conflict of interest concern.

Naraja said that Office of the Attorney General civil division chief Christopher M. Timmons should also not be disqualified because he has not been exposed to confidential information and the OAG has a conflict wall in place, which ensures that Larson's confidences are protected.

At this time, the judge pointed out, it appears that Manibusan and his office have struck an adequate balance between the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and NMI Constitution Article III,

section 11's mandate.

Article III, section 11 provides that "the attorney general shall be the chief legal officer of the Commonwealth government and shall be responsible for providing legal advice to the governor and executive departments (including public corporations and autonomous agencies), representing the Commonwealth in all legal matters, and prosecuting violations of Commonwealth law..."

However, Naraja reserves the right to revisit the issue should circumstances change and/or if new information should come to light.

Last Feb. 9, Manibusan filed the lawsuit against Larson, claiming that she should be stopped from distributing any pay raises pursuant to Public Law 19-83.

On that same day, Manibusan sent a letter to Larson, informing her that he was suing her in her official capacity. The letter also notified the Secretary that since she is an OAG client, she was entitled to seek independent legal representation for this case since the OAG would be unable to provide her with conflict-free counsel.

However, the OAG would continue to provide her with representation in all other matters.

representation in all other matters.

Larson later retained Kimberly K. King-Hinds and Matthew T. Gregory. Larson then filed the motion to disqualify and the motion for summary judgment.

Naraja said his decision on the motion for summary judgment is in a separate order.

Larson, through counsel, contends that Manibusan should not be allowed to be a party in this case because Larson is a current client of the OAG, which is under the direction of Manibusan.

Larson argues that MRPC Rule 1.7 prohibits her counsel, Manibusan, from undertaking an action that is directly adverse to her.

Manibusan, through Timmons, responds that Larson misinterprets the application of the MRPC to the AG.

In denying Larson's motion to disqualify, Naraja said that Larson's argument that Manibusan cannot be a party to this suit, due to the MRPC, fails because the AG appointed an

independent counsel to represent Larson, which comports with the spirit and purpose of the MRPC.

Naraja said Timmons' representation to the court strongly support denying Larson's motion because as an officer of the court he had represented that he has not been, nor will he be, exposed to confidential client information.

Naraja said Timmons has assured the court that the OAG will continue to have screening in place as long as the MRPC require it to do so.

"At this time, the court is satisfied that not only does the OAG have an adequate screening procedure in place [but] there has also been substantial compliance with the policy," the judge said.

Naraja said the OAG appears to have taken its duty to put in place a conflict wall seriously.

"Disqualification of the OAG would be inappropriate because it has diligently labored to preserve client confidences," he added.

'Many issues prompted suspension'

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said yesterday that several issues were behind the decision to suspend new flights into the CNMI temporarily.

Torres also clarified that the 60-day suspension only affects new international flights and not existing flights. He believes that 60 days should give his administration enough time to come up with a solid plan.

"We are still looking at the illegal bed and breakfast issues, the availability of hotel accommodations, and our current issues with labor," he said. "This would not hamper anybody in

terms of coming in."

The full span of the suspension, which is 60 days, is still dependent on whether or not the Department of Transportation approves the Commonwealth Ports Authority board resolution.

"I am making an arrangement to meet with the secretary of DOT," said Torres, adding that he would also be meeting with the secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The meetings between Torres and the two secretaries have yet to be formally scheduled. *(Erwin Encinares)*

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USA Fanter, a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. contractor for the Kannat Tabla and Dandan Interconnection Elimination Project, uncovered a leak at the intersection of As Perdito Road and Aplok Drive. The contractor will work diligently to get the leak repair done and regular service hours restored by 2:30pm.

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All fathers will get the chance to play in the golf chipping contest. It's all for fun, laughter and bonding with a special person on his special day.

Prizes include: first prize is \$100, a Sunday brunch for two, a bottle of Chabot cognac and a case of Carlsberg beer. Second prize is dinner for two, a bottle of Chabot cognac, a case of Carlsberg beer, and a case of Nongshim Hot & Spicy Noodles. Third prize is lunch for two, a bottle of Chabot cognac, a case of Saipan Weizen Beer, and a case of Nongshim Hot & Spicy Noodles. Fourth prize is a bottle of Chabot cognac, two cases of Nongshim Hot & Spicy noodles, and six cans of MGD beer. Fifth prize is a bottle of Chabot cognac, a case of Nongshim Hot & Spicy noodles, and six cans of MGD beer plus other enticing prizes.

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Two convicted murderers apply for parole

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Two convicted murderers have

applied to be granted parole.

The Board of Parole heard yesterday the parole application filed by Shawn C. Apple-

by and Jesse James B. Camacho. The board also heard the parole application of Jose B. Manglona Jr. and conducted

a revocation hearing on parolees Robert Jake Palacios and Alvaro J. Cabrera.

BOP chair Ramon B. Camacho and members Cecilia K. Selepeo, Wally F. Villagomez,

and Ignacio S. Mendiola will deliberate today, Friday. Board member Alexander Apatang was not present at the hearing.

Chief Prosecutor Michelle Harris opposed the granting of

parole for Appleby, Camacho, and Manglona.

Appleby is currently serving a 40-year prison term for killing Byung Ok Suh in November 1996 after robbing the victim's store, Chalan Market.

Appleby bolted from prison on Oct. 10, 1999, with two other inmates. He was later sentenced to a year in prison, on top of the 40-year sentence.

Jesse James Camacho was the mastermind in the killing of a 13-year-old boy in Dandan in April 1998. He was sentenced in June 1999 to 45 years in prison. The victim was stabbed 37 times in his own home as part of initiation rites for membership into the so-called Red Rum gang.

Camacho's two co-defendants, both minors at the time, entered a plea deal with the government and were sentenced to two years each.

In Manglona's case, he was sentenced in 2015 to two years and six months in prison for theft and violation of probation.

Palacios was sentenced in 2012 to one year in prison for assault, disturbing the peace, violating an order of protection, and stalking in the first degree.

Cabrera was slapped with a sentence of three years in prison in November 2015 for theft and violating the terms of his probation. Cabrera admitted violating the conditions due to personal matters.

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Marcia Ayuyu, owner of JCA Inc., which operates McDonald's of Guam and Saipan, turns over a \$5,000 donation to Agnes M. McPhetres, CEO of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

McDonald's donates \$5,000 to NMTI gala

As part of its commitment to support local community groups and educational entities, McDonald's Saipan donated \$5,000 to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's 2nd Gala, which will be held on Friday, June 23, 2017, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

"Since 2008, NMTI has been providing our community with trades education in areas critically needed," said Marcia Ayuyu, owner of JCA Inc., which operates McDonald's of Guam and Saipan. "As a stakeholder, we feel the school is making strides in the

right direction. We just wanted to be a part of the growth by making an investment into their fundraiser."

Agnes M. McPhetres, CEO of NMTI, said the annual gala is bigger and better than last year's.

"This year we've added

an auction to the night's activities. We will be auctioning student-built furniture from recycled pallets. The prizes are good as or better than the year before. We thank McDonald's and the Ayuyu family for continuing to open their hearts to us," said McPhetres.

NMTI continues to preach that trades education can only be done through hands-on education. In line with this, funds generated at this year's gala will be used to build a "mock hotel room and restaurant" that will provide students in the Hotel & Restaurant pro-

gram a greater hands-on experience before moving on to the hotels.

Gala tickets are priced at \$100 per person and can be bought by calling Ross Manglona at (670) 322-6684 or Julie Manglona at (670) 783-7682. (PR)

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Father's Day treats this weekend

By BEA CABRERA

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Have you lately told Dad you love him? Have you thanked Dad lately? This weekend is your chance to say both in so many exciting ways.

Help satisfy Dad's food cravings at Aqua Resort Club and enjoy Sunday brunch at Costa, Raraina, and Vino Bar on June 18, 2017. The local rate is \$35 for adults and \$17 per child. Menu features a roasted pig, baked bottom fish, coffee-encrusted Tinian

beef steamboat with Bailey's Cream, assorted sushi rolls and nigiri with condiments, seafood boat on ice, poached shrimps, snow crab legs, fresh oysters, roast ducks, mussels, arroz Valenciana, etc., as well as sparkling wines, beers, and beverages. All fathers will receive a ticket during the event for a chance to win a one-night accommodation. Fun games for father and child await. Live music entertainment will be available for everyone's enjoyment. For reservations call 322-1234 Ext. 731 or 732.

Treat Daddy at Kanoa Resort's Isla Café Restaurant on Sunday, from 11am to 2pm. It's \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids. Twenty-percent local discount applies. Reservations are highly recommended so call 234-6601 Ext. 742/743 ahead.

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IPI BACKS HANMI GOLF TOURNEY

Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. is supporting the 16th annual Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Golf Tournament. In this photo, HANMI officials—chair Gloria Cavanagh, general manager of Marianas Resort & Spa; Socorro Huliganga, Fiesta Resort & Spa F&B manager; Das Krishnan, Fiesta Resort & Spa F&B director, and Takahiro Omori, operations manager of Mariana Resort & Spa—receive from Imperial Pacific, through marketing and public affairs director David Largent, the donation. The HANMI tournament is scheduled to be held on June 24 at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort and the deadline for the early bird sign up is today, Friday, June 15, at 6pm. Payment and registration forms are available at Fiesta Resort & Spa, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Mariana Country Club, Pacific Islands Club, and Coral Ocean Point.

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Hardt Eye Clinic helps combat diabetes

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The Hardt Eye Clinic is currently finding more ways to combat diabetes through programs and free services.

Hardt Eye Clinic co-owner Dr. Don Hardt shared with the Rotary Club of Saipan his passion for battling diabetes during the organization's recent meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

According to Hardt's presentation, approximately 25 percent of Chamorros and 21 percent of Carolinians on the island are diagnosed with diabetes. The numbers put together is 50 percent higher than the rate in the U.S. mainland.

No other disease comes close. The youngest diabetes patient that Hardt knows was diagnosed when the child was only 9 years old.

Hardt hopes that more will start making better choices and if they are in need of help, Hardt Eye Clinic offers their help in the battle against the epidemic. Hardt is one of the few certified diabetes educa-

tors in the Commonwealth. He was recently certified.

According to Hardt, obesity and diabetes should be taken more seriously in the Commonwealth. Although doctors and politicians know that the rate of diabetes on the islands is a serious matter, Hardt feels that it isn't taken seriously enough.

Hardt uses the example of the sugar tax law. According to Hardt, the implementation of this law was an opportunity for the public to possibly lower their intake of sugary beverages and steer them into making better beverage choices. Although many were against the sugar tax law, Hardt feels that it should be reconsidered.

Hardt's clinic is open for health screenings like blood pressure screening, blood sugar screening, body mass index checks, and counseling.

Hardt's clinic also offers programs for those who are at risk of diabetes. The program includes counseling and it also includes help from physicians in creating meal plans, healthy choices, and more.

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Labor awards \$42,487 to five workers

The CNMI Department of Labor has sanctioned a construction company and awarded a total of \$42,487 to five of the company's former CW-1 workers.

In an order on Wednesday, Labor administrative hearing officer Jerry Cody sanctioned Femina T. Martinez, operator of JHP Construction, a total of \$4,000 for her conduct.

Cody, however, suspended \$2,000 of the sanction for two years, provided that Martinez complies with the terms of his order and commits no further violations of labor laws.

Martinez was given 90 days from Wednesday to pay

the \$2,000 fine.

Martinez was held liable to pay her five former workers—Moises E. Cardona, Ricky C. Calisaan, Elmer R. Consul Jr., Kerwin M. Dayao, and Joselio to C. Carreon—for unauthorized deductions and unpaid wages, in liquidated damages, and in contractual damages for unprovided work.

Cardona is awarded \$9,145.48; Calisaan, \$8,302.10; Consul, \$8,246.80; Dayao, \$8,041.26; and Carreon, \$8,751.40.

Of the five, Cardona has already returned to the Philippines after filing the complaint and meeting with the

Labor investigator.

According to Labor records, Martinez submitted CW-1 petitions to hire the five employees, who were living in the Philippines, to work on Saipan as construction workers.

Each of the five employees entered into written one-year contracts with Martinez, from Oct. 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2017. Each contract stated that "regular hours" of work shall total 40 hours per week and that any hours worked more than 40 hours shall be considered overtime and paid at 1.5 times the regular rate.

The CW-1 petitions were approved and the employees

entered the CNMI in January 2017 and began working at the employer's construction site in Dandan on Jan. 23, 2017.

The employees worked full-time, and often overtime, building a house in Dandan, from Jan. 23 until the end of April 2017.

At the end of April, Martinez informed the employees that she did not have the money to pay their wages for the last two weeks of April, or thereafter.

At that point, the employees stopped working and sought help from Labor.

At the Labor administrative hearing office's compliance agency case hearing last May 31, all five workers except Cardona appeared. Martinez

appeared with her common-law husband, Pepito Lorenzo. Labor Enforcement and Compliance Section representative Ben Castro also appeared.

In his order, Cody determined that Martinez committed various errors in her payroll involving the employees from January through April 2017.

Cody found out that Martinez paid wages at the rate of \$6.05 per hour instead of \$6.55 per hour for three weeks.

Cody also found out that Martinez improperly deducted amounts to reimburse herself for processing of CW-1 petitions; improperly paid overtime hours using a straight time rate rather than the overtime rate; and failed to pay the

employees for the work performed in the last two weeks of April 2017.

Cody said Martinez announced in late April 2017, and again at the hearing, that she is financially unable to pay wages to employees to finish the construction project.

Martinez said her "client" has stopped paying into the project; therefore, she has no ability to pay for employees' wages or materials.

"These facts establish that employer has breached each employment contract by failing to provide employees with work for five months, from May through September 2017," Cody said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Strauss: EPA budget cut— if passed—will affect NMI

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President Donald Trump's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 will reduce the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's overall budget by over 30 percent.

The proposed cuts will result in a reduction in funds granted to states and territories.

During the second day of the Pacific Islands Environmental Conference on Wednesday, EPA region 9 administrator Alexis Strauss spoke about the uncertainty of the future for EPA.

According to Strauss, the 31-percent cut will impact not only the agency's funding but also the grant funding that they provide for the Northern Marianas as well as territories and states, which are called State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

Last fiscal year, EPA received over \$8 billion from the federal budget. Strauss said that over \$2 billion will be cut if the proposed fiscal year budget by the Trump administration is passed.

In the proposed budget cut, STAG programs were either zeroed out or reduced by 30 percent. According to an online source, STAG grants take up the largest percentage of the EPA budget. STAG grant-funded programs include the beach water quality programs (CWA 319), overall water quality programs (CWA 106), land redevelopment (Brownfields 128a), and more.

The reduction in funds to the STAG programs does not include the overall reduction to territories. In fact, the proposed budget cut would reduce the funds that territories receive from EPA by 45 percent.

In the last year, EPA funded the Commonwealth's cleanup of contaminated sites, monitoring of pesticide use, and monitoring the quality of its drinking water and beach waters.

According to Strauss, although there is a possibility that the agency will face tremendous cuts, EPA Region 9, which includes the CNMI, will continue to prioritize the Pacific islands.

Region 9 worked with EPA headquarters to increase the funding for water and sewer infrastructures for the Pacific islands. Over \$200 million was invested in the Commonwealth, Guam, and American Samoa to improve the water and wastewater systems.

During the conference Strauss highlighted the achievements that resulted from the partnership between EPA and the Pacific islands.

That partnership enabled the Commonwealth to transform a solid waste dump in Puerto Rico into a 21-acre peace park.

With the help of EPA, wastewater spills in the CNMI, Guam, and American Samoa have decreased by 90 percent since the early 2000s.

In American Samoa, the partnership with EPA helped the purification of water and eliminating the risk of leptospirosis.

According to Strauss, although the journey in accomplishing a working relationship with the Pacific was not an easy one, the journey was definitely wonderful. Strauss encouraged everyone to continue to aim higher in protecting the precious resources of the islands and to continue to work together.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Burglary and theft at Saipan Southern High

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for a burglary and theft incident that occurred at Saipan Southern High School in Koblerville.

On Monday, June 12, 2017, at about 11:06am, police responded to the Saipan Southern High School and learned that the new stage area store room was broken into and school equipment stolen. Eyewitness first recovered microphones outside the school's east fence, leading employees to check the stage storage area. The stage door knob was damaged and school equipment stolen. The stolen items include:

- Two 20 x 20 foot tarps labeled "Donated by Class of 2007." (\$125 each)
- Two brand new water dispensers (\$400 each)
- One "Lifetime" table and chairs (\$250 total)
- One "Unirex" portable speaker (\$300).
- One "Stihl" skill saw (\$300.00).

DPS and Crime Stoppers needs your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. (NMI Crime Stoppers)

Jury selection is cancelled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panels "17AR" and "17AS" that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017, at 8:30am in Courtroom 220A is hereby cancelled until further notice. For further information, contact deputy clerk Novelyn Wania-Tenorio at the Superior Court at 236-9776. (PR)



Father's Day the Herman's Bakery way

Herman's Modern Bakery is giving the public many choices on how to treat Daddy, Papa, Father, or Grandpa this Father's Day.

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The Green Meadow School dance group is composed of 12 members.

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GMS students dance at *Pistang Pinoy*

Select Green Meadow School students from third grade to sixth grade participated in the annual celebration of *Pistang Pinoy* last June 11, 2017, at the Marianas Business Plaza.

Held as part of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day, *Pistang Pinoy* is usually hosted by the Filipino community on Saipan.

Milagros Songcuan, GMS president and principal, said that Green Meadow

students are always encouraged to participate in community affairs to widen their understanding of the cultures of other groups on the islands.

The GMS dance group was composed of 12 members: John Edsel Hinolan, Ezra Alfred, Jeremiah Alfred, Jake Regalado, Leunyce Regalado, Raeka Shereen Lantin, Faith Caddac, Daniel Gonzales, Darren Tabora, Nicole Sacra-

mento, Chealzka Navarro, and Areeza Anda.

The group performed two Filipino folk dances called "Carinosa" and "Sayaw sa Bangko," as choreographed by fifth grade GMS teacher Rosalie Habijan.

Songcuan provided refreshment and snacks for the performers. "I'm so proud of all of you. Just dance and show your best," she told the students. *(PR)*

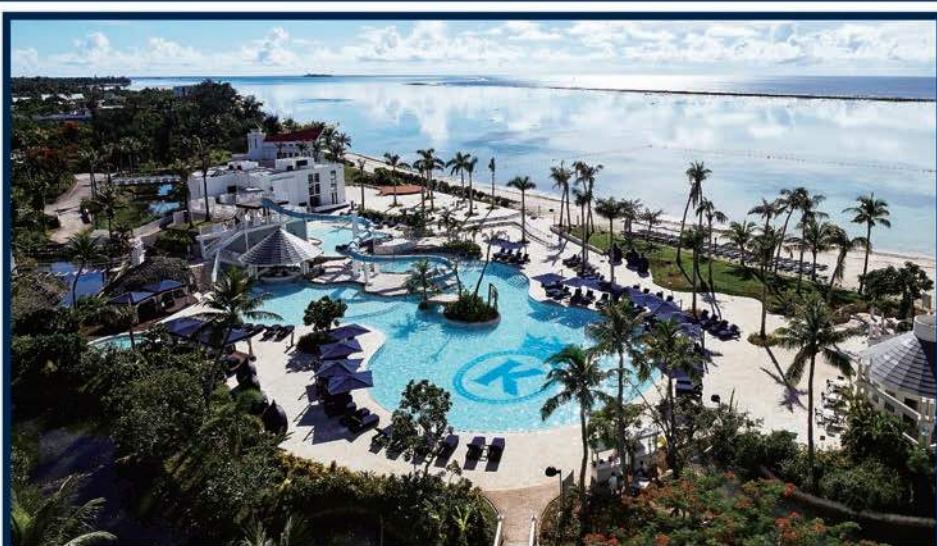
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Open protest against Putin is notable

Demonstrations in the streets of Russian cities and towns Monday, directed against the rule and culture of President Vladimir Putin, contradicted the image and role of him and his government in recent relations with the United States.

The demonstrations, in an estimated 1,000 cities and towns across Russia, from St. Petersburg in the west to Vladivostok in the east, were allegedly directed against Putin and the corruption and heavyhanded nature of his rule. He has been in power since 1999.

They were allegedly directed by Putin's best-known, relatively youthful opponent, Aleksei Navalny. On Monday he was promptly arrested, tried and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Nonetheless, analysts do not see Navalny either as the instigator of the widespread demonstrations or as a credible opponent to Putin in Russia's presidential elections next year.

So what lies at the base of the visible opposition to Putin? His popularity ratings stand at as much as 80 percent, although no one with any knowledge of how Russia works has any confidence in that figure. He and his government, particularly his intelligence services' capabilities, loom large as America's security services, Congress and media try to probe deeply into the Russian role in the 2016 elections and its possible role, if not revealed and countered, in our 2018 and 2020 elections.

First of all, Putin came to be riding high on the back of high oil prices. They didn't make everyone rich, but they did offer possibilities to more Russians than were prospering after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. Secondly, Putin seemed to offer Russians a firm hand on the wheel. He was a former counterintelligence officer, he looked young and vigorous, and, in particular, he stood out in contrast to his successor, the older, courageous but alcoholic Boris Yeltsin.

But it must never be forgotten that Russia is very hard to rule. It had violent political explosions in 1905, 1917, 1956 and 1991. These involved street confrontations, executions, exiling and, in general, fairly widespread suffering, of leaders and of people in general. The regimes of Czar Nicholas II, Leon Trotsky, Josef Stalin and Mikhail Gorbachev basically fell, all in a century. It is against that background that Putin rules, and sometimes plays very rough.

The forces beneath the surface, and the regime's reaction to them, is what Russia, the United States and the world saw on Monday. There is no reason to believe that the demonstrators, Navalny or disorder will come to reign soon in Russia. But history and the nature of the country must be borne in mind in efforts to determine reasonable U.S. policy, or to traffic with the beast.

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Can a divided America survive?

The United States is currently the world's oldest democracy. But America is no more immune from collapse than were some of history's most stable and impressive consensual governments. Fifth-century Athens, Republican Rome, Renaissance Florence and Venice, and many of the elected governments of early 20th-century Western European states eventually destroyed themselves, went bankrupt or were overrun by invaders.

The United States is dividing as rarely before. Half the country, mostly liberal America, is concentrated in 146 of the nation's more than 3,000 counties—in an area that collectively represents less than 10 percent of the U.S. land mass. The other half, the conservative Red states of the interior of America, is geographically, culturally, economically, politically and socially at odds with Blue-state America, which resides mostly on the two coasts.

The two Americas watch different news. They read very different books, listen to different music and watch different television shows. Increasingly, they now live lives according to two widely different traditions.

Barack Obama was elected president after compiling the most left-wing voting record in the U.S. Senate. His antidote, Donald Trump, was elected largely on the premise that traditional Republicans were hardly conservative.

Red America and Blue America are spiraling into divisions approaching those of 1860, or of the nihilistic hippie/straight divide of 1968.

Currently, some 27 percent of all Californians were not born in the United States. More than 40 million foreign-born immigrants currently reside in the U.S.—the highest number in the nation's history.

Yet widely unchecked immigration comes at a time when the country has lost confidence in its prior successful adherence to melting-pot assimilation and integration. The ultimate result is a fragmenting of society into tribal cliques that vie for power, careers and influence on the basis of ethnic solidarity rather than shared Americanness.

History is not very kind to multicultural chaos—as opposed to a multiracial society united by a single national culture. The fates of Rwanda, Iraq and the former Yugoslavia should remind us of our present disastrous trajectory.

Either the United States will return to a shared single language and allegiance to a common and singular culture, or it will eventually descend into clannish violence.

Does the unique American idea of federalism still work, with state rights and laws subordinate to federal law? We fought a Civil War that cost more than 600,000 lives in part to uphold the idea that individual states could not override the federal government.

Yet sanctuary cities declare that they can freely nullify federal immigration law. The California Senate passed a bill earlier this month that would prohibit the state from contracting with any firms that work on the federal government's wall at the border with Mexico.

States such as California vow that they will ignore Washington and work directly with foreign nations to promote their own policies on global warming. Read carefully what some prominent Califor-

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nians are saying about the federal government: It is not much different from what influential Confederate South Carolinians boasted about in 1860 on the eve of secession.

The national debt has almost doubled over the last eight years and at nearly \$20 trillion is unsustainable.

Entitlement spending rose even as new taxes increased. The have-nots claim the haves make far too much money; the haves retort that they pay most of the income taxes while nearly half the country pays nothing.

Most Americans agree that the present levels of borrowing and spending cannot continue. But many believe that the tough medicine to cure the disease of chronic annual deficits and mounting debt is unacceptable.

America's infrastructure and military are vastly underfunded, even though some voters want more subsidies for themselves and apparently others to pay for them.

America's once-preeminent colleges and universities are fatally compromised. Universities charge far too much, resist reform, expect exemption from accountability, and assume their students must take on huge amounts of debt. Yet campuses can't guarantee that their graduates are competently educated or that they will find jobs.

Illiberal attempts to end free speech, to sanction racial and gender segregation, and to attack rather than argue with opponents are disguised by euphemisms such as "safe spaces," "trigger warnings" and various -isms and -ologies.

Behind the guise of campus activism and non-negotiable demands is the reality that too many students simply are unprepared to do their assigned work and seek exemption through protests in lieu of hard studying.

America barely survived the Civil War of 1861-65, the Great Depression of 1929-39, and the rioting and protests of the 1960s. But today's growing divides are additionally supercharged by instant internet and social media communications, 24/7 cable news, partisan media and the denigration of America's past traditions.

All Americans need to take a deep breath, step back and rein in their anger—and find more ways to connect rather than divide themselves.

They should assume their opponents are not all sinners, and that their supporters are not all saints.

Things are bad now. But our own history suggests that if we are not careful, they can get even worse.

You lost me at Vulpecula

I had to get something ironed out on a financial account. So I called the company. As part of their convenient 75-step verification process they wanted to verify my last name. I then heard something like the following from the customer rep: “That’s ‘S’ as in Stochastic, ‘T’ as in ‘Troposphere,’ ‘E’ as in ‘Euclidian,’ ‘V’ as in ‘Vulpecula,’ ‘E’ as in ‘Erudition,’ ‘N’ as in ‘Nanoparticle,’ and ‘S’ as in ‘Serendipitous.’ Is that the correct spelling, sir?” Uh, I’ve got no idea. You lost me at “Vulpecula.” Verbally transmitting letters of the alphabet has long been problematic, especially over radio frequencies and phone lines. It’s easy to mistake one letter for another. It’s also easy for a letter to fall through the aural cracks entirely. Various “phonetic alphabets” have been developed to address this problem. A phonetic alphabet is just a standardized list of words that are used in place of their corresponding letters. For example, the word “November” can be used to signify the letter

LITERARY NOOK

Fathers: The good, the dad, and the ugly knot

By JOSEPH CONNOLLY
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Fathers: The Good (Strong Wood)

we pulled sleds behind Daddy who had the wooden *toboggan three miles up and down a snow drift road closed to traffic headed downhill past the reservoir to a small grocery store pulling the loaded sleds back uphill was quite a chore snow plows couldn’t get through fourteen foot high drifts it would be more than a week before they got through we had a wooden toboggan and Daddy knew what to do he danced the tarantella in the kitchen with his coworkers baked French bread like his Quebecois mother taught him said no cookies ‘if I had money we would have bought em’ swore like the sailor as he was pick and shovel digging a frozen ditch, said Joey, this winter has been a real SOB now get in the kitchen help your mother and be good we knew that toboggan was made of strong hard wood

** a toboggan is a long flat bottomed light sled made of thin boards curved up at one end with low handrails at the sides*

Fathers: The Dad

in bars sometimes they watched boxing matches on TV Celtics, Orioles, BoSox, Mets, and Yankees fans when friends got them a couple of tickets for free then Bills, Pirates, Patriots, Saints in the stands some were teetotalers, others drowned in the bottle some good at fishing, barbecue. opening their beers off to the store for milk and bread foot on the throttle if they brought home ice cream us kids gave cheers left home working from early morning till after dark sometimes overtime hours, sometimes on the weekends when home they might take us to an amusement park or to the movies with popcorn for us and our friends Fathers - mercurial men with burdens on their shoulders love for country and family, marines, sailors and soldiers

Fathers: The Knot So Ugly Ties

was it that pencil thin moustache, perfect bow tie, or ugly cravat ties of all sorts were part of many a father’s dress up given I wore grandpa’s gravy stained ties the bottoms wide and fat Mother said Daddy looked like the movie star David Niven then there were Dad’s hats, straw in summer winter felt fedoras hats were tipped to ladies, taken off when they went in church in homemade knit wool caps they looked like Arctic explorers flat brimmed button down caps for which they had to search shoes were polished perfectly and they showed us boys how even popping the rags to bring out a cordovan shiny shine old rubber galoshes covered those shoes from slush and snow when parents went out for a rare evening they both looked fine five-o’clock shadows brought faces of a wanted man with a ransom we had to remember mother still thought they were quite handsome

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“N” because that’s what “November” starts with. This approach puts some meat on a letter’s bones and it makes it easier to identity by ear. The only phonetic alphabet I’ve used is the one used in the U.S. military. It’s also the standard for international aviation. It’s often called the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) phonetic alphabet. I’m not trying to sell anyone on the notion of using this, or any other, phonetic alphabet. I did, however, have a banker ask me to publish it so she could use it as a quick reference. A long time ago an accountant asked me for the same thing. I had taken her flying in a helicopter. She heard the control tower frequency over her headset and she noted how succinct the communications were. An old-timer in the Navy told me that this phonetic alphabet was developed to be pronounceable by speakers of various languages, notably NATO countries. I don’t know if it’s true, but it certainly is plausible. I have heard these words pronounced in really thick accents all over the world and they were recognizable. Anyway, if you ever need to verify your name on your mutual fund account, vector a rescue helicopter to your coordinates, or, depending on how your portfolio is doing, accomplish both tasks at the same time, here’s the ICAO phonetic alphabet:

- Alpha
- Bravo
- Charlie
- Delta
- Echo
- Foxtrot
- Golf
- Hotel
- India
- Juliet
- Kilo

Challenges in paradise

There are issues that present heavy challenges ahead as incumbent politicians rehearse new additions to distractions to pretend they’re busy working doing nothing. The latest scheme: how to stand on live power lines like birds without turning into instant ashes. Some have even tried but quickly learned it is fatal. A rather very disheartening set of exercises where stupid isn’t a discouraging word.

Mantra: We seem averse to planning for our future! Raffy and Biktot have abandoned the “solutions driven” mantra they’ve shredded to pieces. Both are now dazed how to work the balance of their fast eroding term.

Corruption: Salvo fired regarding corruption in government by former Labor secretary Edith Guerrero gave the multitude an issue to munch over breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It fits the local mindset where one is guilty until proven innocent. It’s contrary to the presumption of innocence under American jurisprudence.

History: Yes, the NMI has a history of public officials convicted and jailed for corruption. Some living, some dead, while another was fortunate to have his conviction commuted. What lifetime trophies!

The echo of this humiliating legacy of corrupt public officials still rings loud and clear in our ears! It’s one humiliating chapter in our developmental history!

I don’t know how Biktot could justify non-payment of the \$400,000 he’s engineered for his family or why Raffy’s silence is woefully deafening. Oh, I forgot, both are still on the same dance floor waltzing to melodic lullabies or humming “don’t worry, be happy...for soon it would be break of dawn and we’d be gone!”

Gee! Certain families eat steak, lobster, and red wine daily while taxpayers make do with cold and spoiled leftover food.

Niceties: People speak passionately about change. Encouraging! But it quickly melts into the culture of “political correctness. Discouraging!

In brief, we simply avoid the inconvenience of “telling it like it is”—truth—to avoid offending anyone. It’s polite niceties!

The self-serving bigotry is dangerously damaging and alarming. It spreads into other issues of importance where persistent excuses are used to avoid problem solving. It’s mind-boggling how even matters of state are skipped in favor of convenience and *mañana*.

Can this be reduced to economic anxiety or the loss of individual and social values? It’s a tough issue to resolve without an extensive research. It entails reviewing how value system has shifted over the years. We’ve simply lost strong interest to resolve issues in forthright fashion.

Attribution: You’d think they are up to speed with issues that matter. Most are at a loss what has just happened or what’s coming down the pike. Reminds me of the joke about the three kinds of people. You wonder which category fits their bill. Could it be the bunch that didn’t know what happened?

We must begin holding our men of wisdom accountable for their actions or inactions. In other words, when they do nothing to help the multitude improve the family purse then their salaries should be withheld pending factual approval of measures on this

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- Lima (“lee-ma”)
- Mike
- November
- Oscar
- Papa
- Quebec (“keh-beck”)
- Romeo
- Sierra
- Tango
- Uniform
- Victor
- Whiskey
- Xray
- Yankee
- Zulu

I’ll go on beyond Zulu for a moment and mention a term that ties in with it. In aviation and military circles, “Zulu” is a common name for Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) or its fancier incarnation and name, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Saipan’s time zone is Zulu time plus 10 hours. Even a slob like me can remember “Z+10,” so this notion is a useful trick.

Got that? Great. So, until next time, I hope you have a great Whiskey Echo Echo Kilo Echo November Delta.

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score. Eh, you must earn your dues so it doesn’t turn into automatic biweekly deceitful loot.

Until legislators in concert with Raffy and Biktot could improve the income of the 13,000-plus employees earning poverty level income, you salary should be placed on hold at Treasury until every single worker in this category has received help. No wonder there’s the steady disengagement of the working class searching for people outside the GOP they could trust with their future.

It has begun rumbling like some powerful and fatal earthquake that would eventually destroy the entire political landscape. It’s coming down the pike, like it or not! One tough sailing for incumbents top to bottom!

True north: Occasionally, I’d descend into places of quietude—in my mind or physical setting—looking for some respite of peaceful hope and brighter tomorrows. It usually means my trips to the mound have been unsuccessful. Even a shade of hope would help reset buttons once more.

It’s all about maintaining allegiance to one’s “true north” or integrity. Anything beyond this and you’re dealing with the onset of addiction to corruption. In public office, the focus veers off the interest of the people in favor of sugar daddies who funnel money into their lapdog’s pockets monthly. It’s a widely talked about issue in town!

Federal treasury: There would come a time when federal grant funds undergo critical scrutiny to see how much U.S. taxpayers contribute to NMI needs.

The idea that we have a casino whose income isn’t taxed won’t sit well with U.S. mainland casino industry that pitch into the federal treasury, annually.

Here the owners collect their profits in the billions and head home. Are they contributing to the federal treasury or our basic infrastructural needs?






Are the indigenous people direct beneficiaries of this venture by way of investment? What percentage would that be on an overall basis? If the answer is none, then we’re just roadside cheerleaders, right? We cheer the transfer of billions of dollars to the home country of casino owners.

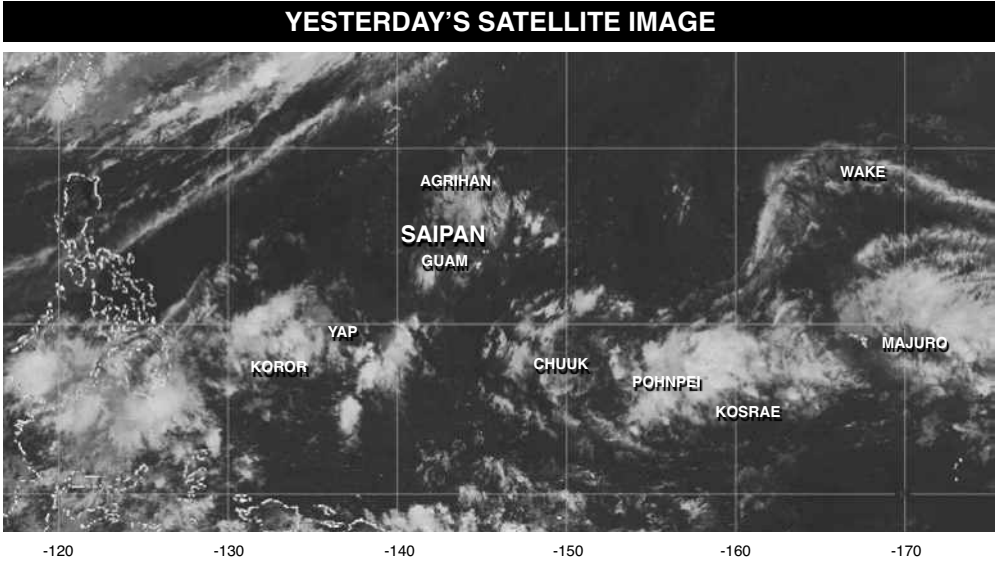
Labor needs: Dazed, we try to figure out how to resolve the end of CW workers here by 2019, as mandated by USPL 110-229.

In 1999, the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Resources stressed that the “federal immigration laws be extended ‘in an orderly manner’ with a commitment by federal agencies to mitigate any potential adverse effects and encourage diversification and growth in the local economy,” it was noted in the book *An Honorable Accord* by Howard P. Willens and Deanne Siemer.

The issue requires leadership with a clear vision of how to navigate our canoe amidst a myriad of fatal storms at sea.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN				
TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 75°	▲ 85° ▼ 75°	▲ 85° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°	▲ 86° ▼ 76°



PICTURE TIME: 7:10 AM, THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017
WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

A few changes made to the forecast. A surface trough combined with upper-level divergence brought showers and thunderstorms to the Marianas last night and this morning. Earlier forecast had thunderstorms persisting through tonight. Water Vapor imagery shows a large area of dryness approaching the Marianas. This area should enter the area just before noon time and limit any thunderstorm activity. Model 700 mb relative humidity agrees and shows a drop in humidity at the same time. Expect isolated showers through the weekend. Another surface trough will bring more clouds and a greater chance for showers Friday night and Saturday. An upper-level low will also approach the area and be located just to the east of the Marianas Friday night. Upper lows usually promote thunderstorm activity when they are west of the area...however models hint at upper-level divergence on the backside of this low. Also time-height omega values are indicating favorable conditions for thunderstorms.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an up-dated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	89° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 72°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲ °F		
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	61° / 48°
Beijing	Rain	77° / 70°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	84° / 73°
London	Partly Cloudy	74° / 58°
Los Angeles	Sunny	83° / 63°
Manila	Sunny	89° / 78°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	60° / 39°
Miami	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
New York	Rain	69° / 65°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	85° / 61°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	74° / 54°
Pusan	Sunny	88° / 60°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	92° / 68°
Salem	Rain	63° / 57°
San Francisco	Sunny	72° / 57°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	90° / 64°
Tokyo	Sunny	84° / 65°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	83° / 70°



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6:19 PM	LOW TIDE	0.12

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:07 AM	11:51 PM
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily			UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily		
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota			UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6			UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota		
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily			UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily		
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily			UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7			UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6		
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OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily		
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7			TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3, 4		
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily			TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6		
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
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ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Two from CNMI finish basic military training



Duenas



Yamagishi

Two airmen from the Northern Mariana Islands recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Both U.S. Air Force airmen Benjie Bernard Ramon L. Duenas and Zackery Shigeru D. Yamagishi completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Com-

munity College of the Air Force.

Duenas is the son of Esteven and Agnes Duenas and son-in-law of Bernadino and Emida Montague, all of Kagman, Saipan. He is also the husband of Bernadine Duenas and a 2007 graduate of Kagman High School.

Yamagishi is the son of Bob Yamagishi and Lynn Duenas, stepson of Jess Peterson, and grandson of Joaquin and Maria Duenas and Aki and Dolores Yamagishi, all of Saipan. He is also the nephew of Evan Yamagishi of Mangilao, Guam. Yamagishi is a 2015 graduate of Marianas High School. (PR)

Free Cash for College workshop this Saturday

The Northern Marianas College is reminding students and members of the community about the free "Cash for College" workshop that will happen tomorrow, June 17, 2017, at the NMC As Terlaje campus, Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshop at 12pm.

The workshop will also be held on Tinian on June 20, 2017, at the NMC Tinian Center from 10am to 2pm, and on Rota on June 22, 2017, at the NMC Rota Center from 10am to 2pm.

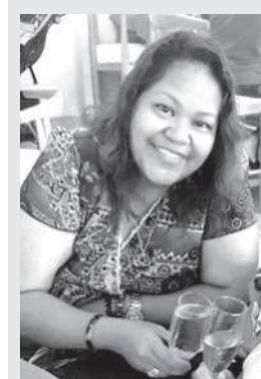
Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be pres-

ent to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process. In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming fall 2017 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), copy of 2015 1040, copy of 2015 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

For additional information visit marainas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6791 or email fao@marainas.edu (NMC)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Advance happy birthday to our dearest mother, Zina C. Nekaifes. Thank you for all that you do for the family and most especially your children. We are very grateful for your presence and we thank the Lord for blessing you with another year to be with us. We appreciate all of you and we love you so much. Cheers to another year, Mom! With love, your children and family.

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Educational Assistance Program SY 2017/2018

PROGRAMS	WHO CAN APPLY
EAP Base Grant	Full time students pursuing a college degree or certificate.
Priority Fields of Study (PFoS)	Full/part time students enrolled and majoring in our approved PFoS.
Incentive	Juniors/Seniors pursuing a degree in our PFoS with CGPA of 2.75 (or higher) and last term GPA of 3.5 (or higher), and enrolled in 15 credits or more.
Commonwealth College Access Grants (CCAG)	High School Jr./Sr. with CGPA of 2.75 or higher enrolled in Dual or Early Enrollment Program. (ongoing recipients must have a CGPA of 2.75, or higher, in the Dual/Early Enrollment Program)
Marianas Employees Financial Aid (MEFA)	Full time employees in the CNMI enrolled part time at NMC or accredited online program to pursue a degree or certificate
Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)	One time award for full time employees in the CNMI enrolled at Northern Marianas College for BE200 only.
Graduate School Student Loans (GSSL)	Applicants with a Bachelor/Master degree pursuing a higher degree in a graduate school program.
Vocational Trade Aid (VocAid)	Students from NMTI & Latte Training Academy or any certified Trade School in any US Territory.



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Band performs at *Pistang Pinoy*

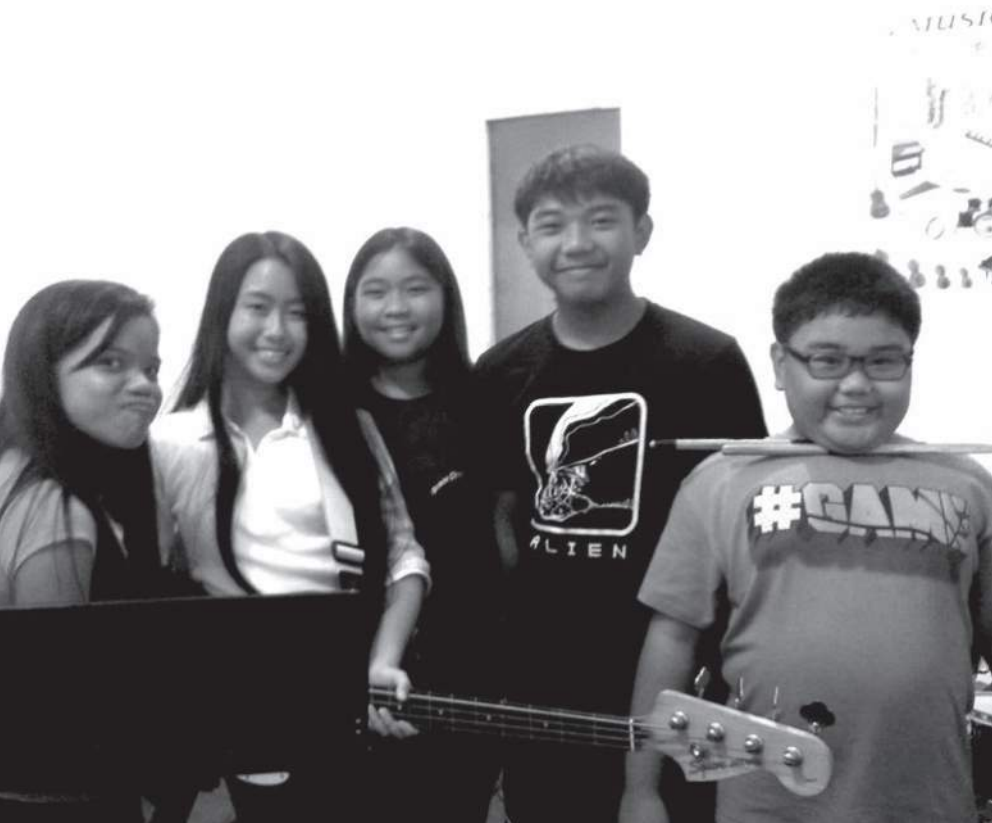
A Keynotes School of Music band performed on June 11, at the recently held *Pistang Pinoy*, playing a variety of nostalgic songs that made the audience feel at home.

The band played and sang *House of the Rising Sun*, *It's Too Late*, and *Awitin Mo at Isasayaw Ko*.

The band is composed of vocalist Juliet Inocencio, bass guitarist Bridget Borja, keyboard players Ian Cataluna, Clerisse Dacumos, and Jal Santomin, and drummer Louis Cataluna.

The band was formed after its members came together as students at Keynotes School of Music.

The band's teacher, Russel Dequito, enjoys mentoring the group, as he loves music and finds joy in sharing his talent. *(PR)*



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CHILD CARE and DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) PROGRAM Opens for Pre-Eligibility Assessment for placement in the CCDF Wait List

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program will conduct a pre-eligibility assessment for placement in the CCDF Wait List (Maintaining Eligibility). Priorities for eligibility will be set at: **1.** Low Income Families with Children with Special Needs **2.** Homeless Families with young children **3.** Families with very low income. Please be advised that the CCDF Program is federally funded program that has eligibility and priority criteria requirements. Submission of your application to be placed on a waitlist does not guarantee automatic approval.

Pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the CCDF Program Office Bldg. 1347 Capitol Hill beginning July 12, 2017 between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For Rota and Tinian please contact your DCCA Representatives.

For Pre-Eligibility purposes, the following documents must be presented to be entertained:

- A. For Full Time Students or in Training with Zero Income:**
- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
 - School Documents such as acceptance letter and/or class schedule
 - Must be enrolled full time (12 credits)
 - If attending ABE must provide letter from ABE Office indicating that the student is considered full time
 - In Training: must have documents indicating a minimum of 20 training hours weekly
 - Distance Learning must address the following: the distance learning institution is recognized and accredited by the US Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>), the parent or legal guardian is formally enrolled in the institution, has an educational plan, projected graduation date, identified coursework hours that need to be completed every month, quarterly, or semester.
- B. For Full Time students with income:**
- All requirements under letter A plus
 - Three (3) latest check stubs showing: Applicant's full name, business/employer name and address, hours worked (a minimum of 30 hours weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earning for applicant (and co-applicant if applicable)
 - Most recent 1040 Tax for applicant (and co-applicant, if applicable)
- C. For working parents:**
- Valid Applicant Identification Card with Picture
 - Three (3) latest check stubs showing: Applicant's full name, business/employer name and address, hours worked (a minimum of 30 hours weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earning for applicant (and co-applicant if applicable)
 - Most recent 1040 Tax for applicant (and co-applicant, if applicable)
 - Current CW 1, EAD if applicable

Once an applicant has gone through the Pre-Eligibility Assessment Process he/she may be provided the application. The applicant completes the application and submits the Full Requirements as stated below. Incomplete application will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program please call any of the CCDF Eligibility Specialists at 664-2575/664-2589/664-2576

CCDF Full Requirements

- PARENTS ELIGIBILITY:**
- Must be working at least 30 hours per week or is scheduled to start work in 2 weeks
 - In Job training at least 20 hours per week
 - Attending education on a full time basis
 - Has a monthly gross income that does not exceed Federal Poverty Income Guideline for a family of the same size.
- CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY:**
- Resides with the parent who is in an approved activity (work, school, training)
 - Be under the age of 13
 - Must be a US citizen or qualified alien as defined in PRWORA
- LIST OF REQUIREMENTS:**
- CCDF Completed Application Form
 - Valid Photo ID for each parent or legal guardian
 - Copy of three (3) most recent check stubs for each parent or legal guardian (check stubs must indicate full name, Name of company/employer and address, hours worked and hourly rate)
 - CCDF Employment Verification
 - Most recent 1040 tax form for each parent of legal guardian if filed separately
 - Child support statement
 - Valid CW1, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or Green Card if applicable
 - Valid CW2, if applicable
 - Job Training documents (must indicate hours needed for completion)
 - Student class schedule (Acceptance letter for new students only)
(a) Certification from school for JR/High School students (b) Online class schedule (distance learning requirements must be met)
 - Court documents relating to guardianship or custody, if applicable
 - Foster Care documentation, if applicable
 - Statement of Assets (CCDF Form)
 - Social Security Income (SSI) Statement, if applicable
 - Other documents pertaining to income
 - Child/ren Birth Certificate
 - Child's Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) documents, if applicable
 - Letter of referral from DYS, Karidat, Family Court, Nonprofit organization
 - Map to residence
 - Affidavit of Living Arrangements (must be signed in front of CCDF Staff or Court Documents for single parents)
 - Please return this Application Checklist with complete requirements.
 - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Income Eligibility

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$1884.00
2	\$1884.00
3	\$2192.00
4	\$3224.00
5	\$3798.00
6	\$4372.00
7	\$4945.00
8	\$4419.00

/s/ Maribel S.D. Loste
CCDF Program Administrator

/s/ Robert H. Hunter
DCCA Secretary

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

OEM—Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive Maintenance Services (PMS) for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than July 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org, Richard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email richard.cano@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN, Jr.
Purchasing Administrator

Docomo president Kriegel to chair Guam's 2017 Red Ball



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Jonathan Kriegel, president and chief executive officer of Docomo Pacific, seventh from left, is joined by American Red Cross Guam Chapter members and officials.

HAGATNA, Guam—The American Red Cross Guam Chapter announced Wednesday that Jonathan Kriegel, president and chief executive officer of Docomo Pacific, will serve as the event chair of the 2017 Red Ball on Sept. 23 at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort.

Chita Blaise, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross Guam Chapter, said the 17th Red Ball continues to bring hope to the island community.

"I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable support of our volunteers and donors and we send our heartfelt

thanks to Jonathan Kriegel for taking on the challenge as chair of this year's Red Ball," said Blaise.

This year, the American Red Cross in Guam celebrates its 101st anniversary.

"With our island's close connection to this organization, we are reminded that in times of need, the courageous volunteers of Red Cross have given more than a hundred percent of their efforts to help rebuild lives and restore hope to our island. For this year's Red Ball, we celebrate '101 Reasons' why we support the American Red Cross," said Kriegel.

Every year, the American Red Cross on average responds to 16 single family home fires and flash floods.

At the end of the last year, the Guam Chapter trained 1,335 individuals in First Aid/CPR/AED courses and 124 individuals were trained in water safety or lifeguard courses.

The Guam Chapter delivered 1,224 messages to men and women in the military through the Service to Armed Forces program.

They also installed smoke alarms in at-risk homes in all 19 villages, a total of 297 smoke alarms. The Guam Chapter continues to train children from grade three to five in disaster preparedness.

For the past 16 years, the Red Ball has been the signature fundraiser for the Guam chapter of the American Red Cross.

"Funds raised from this event directly fund disaster relief, life-saving training, and other mission-critical activities for our island. This is your chance to help those who need it most," said Marcos Fong, chairman of the American Red Cross Guam Chapter.

One of the highlights of the Red Ball will be a chance to win a 2017 Buick Encore Mini-SUV valued at \$30,000, courtesy of Guam AutoSpot.

AutoSpot will also hold the "Auto-Spot Drive for the Red Cross Event" on June 17. The public is invited to test drive any new Buick, GMC, or Mitsubishi, and AutoSpot will donate up to \$10,000 to the Guam chapter. (*Saipan Tribune*)



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Saipan Housing Project by Zone D Development Ltd. dba Good Dynasty Ltd. Zone D Development Limited is proposing to construct six 3-story, single family residential dwellings, 12 parking stalls (two for each unit), lighting poles, landscaping, and 16 feet wide paved driveway or travel lanes. The project site is situated on private lot numbers 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, and 458-NEW-3 measuring a total area of about 4,076 square meters in Chalan Piao, Saipan.

A public hearing is scheduled for **June 19, 2017, 5:00PM** at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Written comments may be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Zone D Saipan Housing project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Business

Researcher finds Georgia voter records exposed on internet

HOUSTON (AP)—A security researcher disclosed a gaping security hole at the outfit that manages Georgia’s election technology, days before the state holds a closely watched congressional runoff vote on June 20.

The security failure left the state’s 6.7 million voter records and other sensitive files exposed to hackers, and may have been left unpatched for seven months. The revealed files might have allowed attackers to plant malware and possibly rig votes or wreak chaos with voter rolls during elections.

Georgia is especially vulnerable to such disruption, as the entire state relies on antiquated touchscreen voting machines that provide no hardcopy record of votes, making it all but impossible to tell if anyone has manipulated the tallies.

The true dimensions of the failure were first reported Wednesday by Politico Magazine. The affected Center for Election Systems referred all questions to its host, Kennesaw State University, which

declined comment. In March, the university had mischaracterized the flaw’s discovery as a security breach.

Logan Lamb, a 29-year-old Atlanta-based private security researcher formerly with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, made the discovery last August. He told The Associated Press he decided to go public after the publication last week of a classified National Security Agency report describing a sophisticated scheme, allegedly by Russian military intelligence, to infiltrate local U.S. elections systems using phishing emails.

The NSA report offered the most detailed account yet of an attempt by foreign agents to probe the rickety and poorly funded U.S. elections system. The Department of Homeland Security had previously reported attempts last year to gain unauthorized access to voter registration databases in 20 states - one of which, in Illinois, succeeded, though the state says no harm resulted.

It also emboldened Lamb to come forward with his findings. Lamb discovered the se-

curity hole - a misconfigured server - one day as he did a search of the Kennesaw State election-systems website. There, he found a directory open to the internet that contained not just the state voter database, but PDF files with instructions and passwords used by poll workers to sign into a central server used on Election Day, said Lamb.

“It was an open invitation to anybody pretending to even know a little bit about computers to get into the system,” said Marilyn Marks, an election-transparency activist whose Colorado-based foundation participated in a failed lawsuit that sought to bar the use of paperless voting machines in next week’s election.

The directory of files “was already indexed by Google,” Lamb said in an interview—meaning that anyone could have found it with the right search. Lamb said he notified the center’s director, Merle King, who assured him the hole would be patched and who asked to keep his discovery to himself.

Kushner Cos. pulls request for tax break in New Jersey city

NEW YORK (AP)—The real estate firm owned by the family of Jared Kushner has withdrawn a request for a big tax break for one its buildings in Jersey City, New Jersey, the latest setback for the company in the area.

The Kushner Cos. sent a letter withdrawing its application for a 30-year break from city taxes for a planned two-tower project in the struggling Journal Square section of the city, Jersey City spokeswoman Jennifer Morrill said Wednesday. Opponents of the tax breaks marched downtown earlier this year and the city’s mayor recently came out against the Kushner request.

Jared Kushner was CEO of the family company before stepping down to become a senior adviser to his father-in-law, President Donald Trump.

Kushner Cos. spokesman James Yolles said the company is committed to the “much-needed investment” in that area of the city.

The loss of the tax break is the latest blow for the company in a city where it is major real estate developer.

The 79-story building—One Journal Square—gained attention last month after Jared Kushner’s sister, Nicole Kushner Meyer, mentioned her brother in a presentation in Beijing where she had hoped

to attract Chinese investors in the building. Marketing material noted the “celebrity status” of her family.

Government ethics experts blasted the family for what they said was an attempt to profit off Jared Kushner’s position in Washington, and the Kushner Cos. canceled upcoming investor presentations in the country.

The company said Meyer wasn’t trying to use her White House ties to attract investors.

The Kushner family is seeking 300 wealthy Chinese to invest a total of \$150 million in One Journal Square. The family was trying to raise money through the EB-5 visa program that grants temporary U.S. residency to wealthy foreigners in exchange for investments of at least \$500,000 in certain U.S. projects

The company also is in danger of losing another tax break for the building. The shared office space firm WeWork recently pulled out as anchor tenant. That has put in doubt a state break tied to WeWork.

Another project is off, too. The Kushner Cos. once considered bidding to develop a 95-acre industrial site along the Hackensack River in the city for housing, called Bayfront. Last month, it was revealed the family had withdrawn from

those plans last year.

The Kushner Cos. has said politics had nothing to do with its decision to withdraw from Bayfront, and that “economics of the deal” drove the move.

As for One Journal Square, company spokesman Yolles said the project will provide 4,000 construction jobs and \$180 million in tax revenue for the city over 30 years.

Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop, a Democrat, is running for re-election this fall, and tax breaks to developers have become a major issue.

Unlike neighboring Hoboken, Jersey City has granted dozens of tax breaks in recent years. Fulop had campaigned to reform the practice, but critics say he has done little.

Another Kushner property in the city overlooking the Hudson River got a five-year tax break soon after Fulop was elected mayor. That 50-story building has licensed the Trump name and is called Trump Bay Street. The building was also partly financed with EB-5 visa money from abroad.

The Kushner family owns or manages 20,000 apartments, 13 million square feet of office space and industrial properties in several states, including New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Illinois.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-17-IFB-014

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A BACKHOE LOADER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply and Delivery of a Backhoe Loader for the Department of Public Works, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 2, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-17-IFB-014"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **9:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. local time, June 23, 2017, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 23, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 5, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **9:00 a.m. local time, July 7, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **9:30 a.m. local time, on July 23, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Thirty (230) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



**UNITED STATES
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting on June 30, 2017, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort – Caladium Hall.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Review & Adoption of Agenda of June 30, 2017**
- IV. **Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2017**
- V. **Action Items**
 - a. **Review/Approve of a State Run Alternative Financing Program**
- VI. **Reports**
 - a. **Chairperson**
 - b. **State Plan Committee Chairperson**
 - c. **Fiscal Committee Chairperson**
 - d. **Executive Director**
- VII. **OLD Business**
 - a. **Youth Conference**
 - b. **CRSP Update – Volunteer Respite Program Webinar**
 - c. **Wellness Recovery Action Plan Seminar 1 and Peer Worker Training**
 - d. **A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities**
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. **Circles Model**
 - b. **National Technical Assistance Center on Transition – Capacity Building Institute**
 - c. **Seating & Wheeled Mobility Service Training Workshop**
 - d. **Transition Conference**
 - e. **Developmental Disability & Employment Awareness Month**
- XI. **Miscellaneous**
- XII. **Next Meeting**
- XIII. **Adjournment**

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Efren Nicholas
Chairperson

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Nation

Rifle-wielding attacker wounds GOP leader, killed by police

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—A rifle-wielding attacker opened fire on Republican lawmakers as they practiced for a charity baseball game Wednesday, critically wounding House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and hitting aides and Capitol police as congressmen and others dove for cover. The assailant, who had nursed grievances against President Donald Trump and the GOP, fought a gun battle with police before he, too, was shot and later died.

Colleagues said Scalise had been fielding balls at second base at a local park in Alexandria, just across the Potomac River from the nation’s capital, as the Republicans prac-

ticed for their annual game with Democrats. He dragged himself away from the infield leaving a trail of blood before fellow lawmakers could rush to his assistance. He was listed in critical condition Wednesday night at a Washington hospital, which said he will require several more operations.

The shooter was identified as James T. Hodgkinson, a 66-year-old home inspector from Illinois who had several minor run-ins with the law in recent years and belonged to a Facebook group called “Terminate the Republican Party.” He had been living out of his van in the Alexandria area in recent months, the FBI said.

Capitol Police officers who

were in Scalise’s security detail wounded the shooter. He later died of his injuries, Trump told the nation from the White House.

“Everyone on that field is a public servant,” Trump said, his tone somber. America’s acrimonious politics set aside for the moment. “Their sacrifice makes democracy possible.”

Lawmakers noted their good fortune in having armed protectors on hand—“Thank God,” they exclaimed over and over—and said otherwise the shooter would have been able to take a huge deadly toll.

The events left the capital horrified and stunned, and prompted immediate reflection on the current hostility and vit-



An SUV, with a bullet hole in the windshield and a flat tire, sits in the parking lot at the scene of a multiple shooting in Alexandria, Va., Wednesday, June 14, 2017, involving House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of La., and others, during a congressional baseball practice.

riol in American politics. Lawmakers called for a new dialogue on lowering the partisan temperature, and Trump urged Americans to come together as he assumed the role of national unifier for one of the first times in his presidency.

Trump later visited the hospital where Scalise was recovering. The president then tweeted: “Rep. Steve Scalise,

one of the truly great people, is in very tough shape—but he is a real fighter. Pray for Steve!”

Proceedings were canceled for the day in the House, and instead Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California issued their own calls for unity. “An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us,” Ryan said, to prolonged applause.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **AIRFIELD MARKING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NUMBER 3-69-0011-27/XX.**

One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of installation of airfield pavement markings, including but not limited to numbers, markings, and stripes on the surface of runways, taxiways, and aprons, in accordance with these specifications and at the locations shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **180 CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)** per day shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport at **10:00 a.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the **DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL LABOR WAGE RATE DETERMINATION** is included in SECTION GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Government wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 7, 2017



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-17 (AIP PENDING)**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, Project No. CPA-SA-001-17”, and submitted no later than **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, Friday, June 9, 2017**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor, Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in GP 90 of the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: May 25, 2017

Trump labeling House health care bill ‘mean’ frustrates GOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump’s labeling of a House-passed health care bill as “mean” is aggravating some of the conservatives he pressed to back it, even as Senate attempts to reshape the measure increasingly threaten to spill into July.

“In terms of strategy, I hope he’s just trying to motivate the Senate,” Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., said Wednesday, employing a mangled word used by former President George W. Bush. “Because he put all sorts of pressure on us to move the bill we passed.”

Congressional sources said Trump described the House bill as mean at a closed-door White House lunch Tuesday with 15 Republican senators.

It was an extraordinary slap at a bill Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., guided through the House and that Trump himself had championed and praised. At a Rose Garden ceremony minutes after the bill’s 217-213 House passage on May 4, Trump called it “a great plan.”

“To call a bill that he pushed ‘mean’ leaves us scratching our heads,” Brat said.

The president’s criticism also came as Senate Republican leaders’ attempts to write their own health care package have been slowed by disagreements between their party’s conservatives and moderates. Trump said he wants the Senate version to be “more generous,” the sources said.

The sad duty now his, Trump calls for unity after shooting

NEW YORK (AP)—It was a sadly familiar ritual: an American president addressing the nation at an unsettling time, decrying violence while urging citizens to set aside their differences and pray for the recovery of victims.

But this time, it was President Donald Trump who was called upon to speak words of comfort in such a troubled moment, one fraught with the overtones of gun politics and the heated rhetoric of a nation sharply divided along party lines.

Trump’s measured response to Wednesday’s shooting at a congressional baseball practice stood in stark contrast to his inflammatory reactions to some previous acts of violence. He delivered a brief address from the White House Diplomatic Room in which he denounced the shooting of a top House Republican and others as a “very, very brutal assault.” He said that “many lives would have been lost without the heroic action” of Capitol Police officers who took down the gunman.

“We may have our differences, but we do well in times like these to remember that everyone who serves in our nation’s capital is here because, above all, they love our country,” Trump said. “We can all agree that we are blessed to be Americans, that our children deserve to grow up in a nation of safety and peace and that we are strongest when we are unified and when we work together for the common good.”

Republican Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana was shot in the early morning fusillade of gunfire, and several other people, including members of Scalise’s security detail, also were wounded.

The gunman was killed.

On Wednesday evening, the president and first lady Melania Trump visited MedStar Washington Hospital Center, where Scalise remains in critical condition.

“The president entered the room, spoke with Scalise’s family members and sat by his bedside with Mrs. Trump,” Press Secretary Sean Spicer said, describing the scene in the intensive care unit as emotional. Scalise and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.


The president was briefed by Scalise’s medical team and also visited with Capitol Police officer Crystal Griner, who was shot in the ankle during the attack.

Back at the White House, Trump tweeted: “Rep. Steve Scalise, one of the truly great people, is in very tough shape - but he is a real fighter. Pray for Steve!”

He wrapped up the long day by celebrating his 71st birthday by having dinner with his family at the White House.

Trump was informed of the shooting minutes after it occurred. The White House press office quickly put out a brief statement noting that Trump was “deeply saddened by the tragedy,” and the president followed up with a tweet: “Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, a true friend and patriot, was badly injured but will fully recover. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.”

Wanting to present the president as a steadying hand and avoid any distractions after the shooting, the White House then quickly canceled a presidential event on apprenticeships at the Labor Department and scuttled any plans for a briefing.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD MARKING AND SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-26/XX.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within **ninety (90)** calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for **one hundred twenty (120)** calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item 6-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item 6-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, **Rota Ports Manager's Office at 10:00 AM, Monday, July 3, 2017** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 9, 2017



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PASSENGER LOADING BRIDGES REPLACEMENT, SAIPAN, OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87/XX.**

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “*Passenger Loading Bridges Replacement for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87*” and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, JULY 21, 2017**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to removal and replacement of three existing passenger boarding bridges at Gates 2, 3, and 6 at the Saipan International Airport with new apron-drive bridges including all associated work, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY (580) calendar days if awarded all three bridges**. Duration may adjust based on funding availability which will determine number of bridges to be replaced.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017**, at the Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 9, 2017



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 17-054

Opening Date: **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**
Closing Date: **Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

Fiscal Technician, Senior



Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee. May provide lead direction and/or supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Receives, reviews and verifies vendor invoices and statements; service reports; time sheets; payroll information; and/or other payable documentation; ensures completeness and accuracy of calculations and information. Determines general ledger account information or expense allocation information; processes accounts payable or payroll transactions; routes check payment or wire transfer information for approval; posts accounts upon approval. Researches and reviews account, billing or system information; prepares reconciliations of financial data; updates and maintains account or employee data; calculates and prepares financial adjustments or account charge information. Assists internal and external customers with inquiries or account information; receives complaints; researches issues; provides information and explains processes and procedures; recommends resolutions to issues. Retrieves, files and maintains records, documents and tracking spreadsheets; processes purchase orders; prepares reports, work orders and/or audit confirmations; compiles documents and drafts correspondence. May provide testimony related to customer account disputes. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: CFO Division, Accounting Section, **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: (Commensurate with Qualification and Experience)
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Associate's Degree in Accounting or directly related field and 3 years of fiscal support experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Research methods; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Receiving, reviewing, posting and reconciling fiscal data or account information; Verifying fiscal data and updating account information; Responding to inquiries, researching information and resolving issues; Performing mathematical calculations and making corrections and adjustments; Researching and preparing account adjustments and related documentation; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, correspondence, reports and records; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Researching account information and providing information regarding billing disputes; Organizing and maintaining records management systems; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Opening Date: **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**
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Fiscal Analyst

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee. May lead or supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Reviews, accounts for, and prepares various financial data such as: reconciling journal entries; accounts receivable aging; summary billing; accounting accruals; recording fixed asset costs or depreciation; calculating and posting payments, adjustments or allotments; and/or accounts payable invoice payments. May provide guidance, coordination and/or supervision of daily accounting activities. Monitors, reconciles and maintains general ledger accounts; prepares and posts journal entries during account closing periods. Performs analysis, verifies fiscal data, and prepares various management reports; provides inventory monitoring and status reports; reviews purchase order status, vendor statements, and performs quality checks for verification of services or materials received. Provides analytical support to internal and external customers and stakeholders; reviews documents and provides guidance in completion of forms; responds to inquiries or issues; researches and provides information on processes and procedures. Assists with annual audits by preparing schedules, reports and providing technical support. May provide supervision or coordination of physical inventory processes; reconciliation of inventory balances in preparation for financial reporting; and/or monitoring vehicle maintenance schedules and approving vehicle repairs and maintenance. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: CFO Division, Accounting section, **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: (Commensurate with Qualification and Experience)
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or directly related field and 2 years of fiscal experience related to area of assignment. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Generally accepted accounting principles; Financial analysis principles and techniques; Advanced mathematical concepts; Research methods; Customer service principles; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Providing guidance and leading work activities (based on assignment); Prioritizing activities and meeting deadlines; Preparing financial information, adjustments and entries related to general ledger; Researching, compiling, calculating and reconciling data and information; Researching technical issues, solving problems and providing solutions; Monitoring and maintaining fiscal account information and reporting; Reconciling data, preparing adjustments and posting account and journal entries; Providing attention to accuracy and detail; Preparing reports, correspondence and related fiscal documentation; Providing customer service; Providing technical guidance related to financial systems; Maintaining databases and financial records; Assisting with audits, inventory processes and/or equipment maintenance schedules; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Asia

Rescuers dig for survivors in Bangladesh mudslide; 140 dead

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Rescuers went from door to door searching for information on people who might be missing Wednesday after massive landslides crashed onto villages and killed at least 140 in southeastern Bangladesh, officials said.

With some roads collapsed and others blocked by mud, soldiers were erecting a portable bridge to reach the worst-hit district of Rangamati, where government shelters housed about half of the 4,500 people whose homes were swamped by mud and debris unleashed by the landslides Tuesday.

“The devastation is huge,” said Shah Kamal, secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management. He said it could take days before access to the area is fully restored. With power cut off in the region, information was slow to trickle out.

Rescuers were using boats to reach some areas where roads were cut off.

Elsewhere, villagers joined firefighters and soldiers in cutting fallen trees and clearing debris in remote areas where rescuers have been unable to get heavy machinery, military spokesman Rezaul Karim said.

The injured were being taken to area hospitals where doctors worked by candlelight.

Hundreds of rescuers—including soldiers, firefighters, police and volunteers—were still digging through vast piles of mud in search of bodies. But authorities would not say how many people might still be missing.

China approves 9 Trump trademarks previously rejected

SHANGHAI (AP)—The Chinese government has granted preliminary approval for nine Donald Trump trademarks it had previously rejected, in whole or in part, The Associated Press found, a turn that is likely to fuel further allegations that Beijing may be giving the president’s family business special treatment.

Trump’s decision to retain ownership of his global branding empire has sparked criticism over perceived conflicts of interest and three lawsuits, including one filed Wednesday by nearly 200 Democrats in Congress, which allege violations of a constitutional prohibition against accepting gifts from foreign governments. Trademarks lie at the heart of these complaints because they are granted by foreign states and can be enormously valuable—whether they are intended as groundwork for future



AP
Rescuers search for survivors and bodies after Tuesday's massive landslide in Rangamati district, Bangladesh, Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

One villager described living through a landslide that killed her three children as they slept early Tuesday, according to the newspaper Prothom Alo.

Swapan Barua said he was trying to clear rainwater from his thatched-roof home when huge chunks of mud swept down, burying the children in their beds, according to the newspaper.

Four soldiers died when a mudslide smashed into them while they were clearing a blocked road in Rangamati on Tuesday, army official Mohammed Redwan said.

Officials reported 103 dead and at least 5,000 homes destroyed or damaged in Rangamati district, where mostly tribal villagers live in small communities near a lake surrounded by hills.

Another 28 were killed in



the coastal Chittagong district, six died in Bandarban, two in Cox's Bazar and one in Khagrachhari.

The delta nation of Bangladesh is frequently hit by strong storms, flooding and landslides. Experts said this week's tragedy was also the result of uncontrolled denuding and soil harvesting on hills above unplanned settlements.

Many people in hilly regions ignore authorities' calls to avoid constructing homes on slopes.

of Chinese versions of his name for beauty salon services, socks, human resources consulting and advertising, among other things, and the Trump brand, in English, for jewelry and watch repair. If there are no objections, the marks will be formally registered after 90 days.

China has also granted formal approval for dozens of Trump trademarks in the last few weeks, bring to 39 the total number of official registrations China has given the Trump family business since President Trump took office, according to records from China's Trademark Office. Those marks include branded spa and massage services, golf clubs, hotels, insurance, finance and real estate companies, restaurants, bars, and a trademark class that covers bodyguards, social escorts, and concierge services, according to Chinese records.

IS moves to seize Osama bin Laden's hideout

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Islamic State fighters captured some territory around Tora Bora, the former stronghold of Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province, officials said Wednesday.

The push and capture of the giant cave complex that once housed the late al-Qaida chief would be a major scoop for the Islamic State group in its increasingly deadly rivalry with the Afghan Taliban. The caves had until now been under Taliban control.

Attahullah Khogyani, a spokesman in Nangarhar, said IS attacks in the mountain range began late on Tuesday night. Clashes continued into the day, with IS militants battling the Taliban and some local villagers in the area.

By Wednesday, the Islamic State group had managed to seize some territory around Tora Bora—but not the bin

Laden hideout itself, Khogyani said, adding that there were unspecified casualties on both sides.

"I can confirm that the IS fighters occupied some areas around Tora Bora, but not Tora Bora itself," said Khogyani, referring to the cave complex from where bin Laden and hundreds of other al-Qaida members escaped a massive U.S. bombing campaign in December 2001.

There has been no comment from IS or the Taliban so far.

However, Hazrat Ali, a lawmaker from Nangarhar confirmed that at least 12 Taliban fighters were killed in the battle with IS in Tora Bora. "Based on our information from local people, hundreds of IS fighters attacked Taliban militants in Tora Bora," said Ali.

He added that the Tora Bora mountain range, with the huge caves that once hid bin Laden,

is strategically a very important location for the Islamic State group, giving it a remote and difficult to access location from where to launch attacks on both the Afghan government forces as well as the Taliban.

Shirin Agha Faqiri, a spokesman for the army crops in eastern Nangarhar, said IS fighters have captured much of the Tora Bora mountains, and even positioned some of their heavy artillery on the mountain peaks there.

"People and the local villagers are fleeing to other parts of the province," he added.

Tora Bora was bin Laden's last hideout in Afghanistan, where he and his al-Qaida followers were hosted by the Taliban. Only a few months after the Sep. 11, 2001 terror attacks, bin Laden escaped a U.S. assault in Tora Bora, and later managed to flee to Pakistan.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Australian TV journalist hit by bullet in Philippines city

MARAWI, Philippines (AP)—An Australian journalist says he is fine after being hit by a bullet in his neck while covering the Philippine military's assault against militants aligned with the Islamic State group in a southern city. A tweeted video showed ABC journalist Adam Harvey wearing a neck brace and putting on his helmet after receiving treatment Thursday in Marawi. He told reporters he was fine and that he was to get an X-ray. Harvey was hit at the provincial capitol building, where government officials hold briefings on the progress against the militants who've laid siege to Marawi since last month. Also Thursday, a suspected militant bomber was arrested in Cagayan de Oro City, about 100 kilometers (62 miles) from Marawi. Brig. Gen. Gilbert Gapay says Mohammad Noaim Maute was under investigation.

Pakistani PM to appear before panel probing graft charges

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is appearing before a Supreme Court-appointed team investigating allegations against his family's offshore companies and money laundering. Authorities have made strict security arrangements at a building where Sharif will appear before noon Thursday. His two sons have already testified and denied the allegations against their family's financial affairs. Sharif, who says he never misused his authority to enrich himself, has been under pressure to resign

since reports based on documents leaked from a Panama-based law firm indicated his sons owned offshore companies. The Supreme Court, after hearing petitions for months against Sharif and his family, has ruled there was not enough evidence to remove him from office but ordered an investigation team to look further into the allegations.

Japan approves contentious bill against planning crimes

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's parliament has approved a contentious bill that makes it a crime to plan a crime. The ruling coalition pushed the conspiracy legislation through the upper house Thursday, bypassing committee approval that normally precedes a vote by the full house. The more powerful lower house passed the bill last month. The law criminalizes the planning of 277 serious crimes. The government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says it is needed to prevent terrorism, especially with the Olympics coming to Tokyo in 2020. A sizeable crowd protested outside parliament Wednesday. Opponents warn that authorities could use the legislation to limit free speech and public protests. The U.N. special rapporteur on the right to privacy sent an open letter to Abe raising concerns over the bill.

N. Korea says it freed US student over humanitarian reasons

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea says it released an American university student over what it calls humanitarian reasons in its first official comment since he was

returned to his home state of Ohio in a coma.

The state-run Korean Central News Agency on Thursday said Otto Warmbier had been sentenced to hard labor but didn't comment on his medical condition.

The 22-year-old Warmbier, a University of Virginia undergraduate, was convicted and sentenced in a one-hour trial in North Korea's Supreme Court in March 2016. He got 15 years in prison with hard labor for subversion after he tearfully confessed that he had tried to steal a propaganda banner. His father, Fred Warmbier, told Fox News that his son was "terrorized and brutalized" and has been in a coma for more than a year.

China fines Emirates after plane flew at wrong height

BEIJING (AP)—China's civil aviation authority fined Dubai-based Emirates airline and barred it from adding new routes in the country over the next six months after two of its flights were cited for unsafe operations. An Emirates plane on April 17 flew at the wrong height, and a plane on May 18 temporarily lost contact with air traffic control, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said. Both aircraft were flying over the city of Urumqi in China's western Xinjiang region at the time. The authority said in a Wednesday statement that it had imposed a fine of 29,000 RMB (\$4,300) on the Middle East's largest airline. Emirates didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. The civil aviation administration has previously suspended Emirates for contravening its regulations.



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 17-056

Opening Date: **Friday, June 16, 2017**
Closing Date: **Friday, June 30, 2017**

Chief Accountant

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. Supervise the CUC accounting section and support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations, staff training and professional development; and making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations to leadership. Supervise the daily accounting operations and review all accounting transactions and approves journal entries into accounting modules. Prepare and review monthly financial statements; review, reconcile and maintain subsidiary ledgers; analyze problematic accounts; provide leadership and mentorship to staff; and, monitor and analyze revenue collections and expenditures. Attend a variety of meeting and serve as a liaison between the accounting section and other divisions within the corporation. Monitor the check writing functions of the accounting section and ensures the bank reconciliations are performed monthly. Prepare financial packets and updates to the Board of Directors. Prepare the annual financial statements for inclusion in the CUC Annual Audit of Financial Statements. Serve as liaison between external auditors and division managers, program managers and section chiefs in support of accounting and financial matters. Performs other similar accounting, financial and similar duties assigned by the CFO. The position responsibilities also include, but not limited to: prepare a wide variety of financial and analytical reports and statements. Monitor fund balances through the preparations of daily cash flow report and bank statement reconciliation; Plan, manage, coordinate and implement the month-end/year-end closing procedures and provide information to financial auditors. Maintain and reconcile balance sheet accounts with assistance from accounting support personnel and ensures maintenance or proper audit trails; Prepare audit responses and ensure that appropriate corrective actions are executed; Review accuracy of billing adjustments to individual accounts from billing staff and receivable accountants; Conduct annual performance evaluation of accounting staff.

LOCATION: CFO Division, Accounting Section, **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: Commensurate with Qualification and Experience

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Auditing, or a related field and four years of professional level accounting, auditing or finance experience with two years supervisory experience with strong background on month-end/year-end closing. **Knowledge of:** Federal, Commonwealth, State and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Customer service principles; Supervisory Principles; Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. Basic understanding of Budget Principles, Fiscal Law and Mathematics. **Skill in:** Monitoring and evaluating staff; prioritizing and assigning work to staff; performing mathematical calculations, accounting and forecasting techniques; developing and implementing procedures and standards; analyzing, reviewing, verifying, reconciling, validating and reporting accounting transactions; preparing and analyzing financial statements and reports. Experienced user of Microsoft Office and other financial and accounting software applications. Excellent communication, writing, and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Pre-employment drug testing Administration Office.

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Laboratory Analyst

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World

Death toll rises to 12 in London apartment building inferno

LONDON (AP)—They banged on windows, screamed for help, dropped children from smoky floors in a desperate attempt to save them. Terrified residents of the Grenfell Tower said there was little warning of the inferno that engulfed their high-rise apartment building and left 12 people dead—a toll that officials said would almost certainly rise.

The blaze early Wednesday in the 24-story building in west London's North Kensington district also injured 74 others, 18 of them critically, and left an unknown number missing. A tenants' group had complained for years about the risk of a fire.

More than 200 firefighters worked through the night and were still finding pockets of fire inside later in the day. A huge plume of smoke wafted across the London skyline and left a burned-out hulk in the working class, multi-ethnic neighborhood.

"In my 29 years of being a firefighter, I have never, ever seen anything of this scale," Fire Commissioner Dany Cotton said.

Up to 600 people lived in 120 apartments in the Grenfell Tower. After announcing the updated death toll of 12 in the afternoon, Cmdr. Stuart Cundy said that "we believe this number will sadly increase."

Crews rescued 65 people, said Steve Apter, the fire brigade's director of safety and assurance.

Prime Minister Theresa May's office said she was "deeply saddened by the tragic



loss of life" in the fire.

"My thoughts are with the victims, their families and all of those who had their homes destroyed," she said. "It's impossible to comprehend the horror of what they've been going through."

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said many questions must be answered about safety for the scores of other apartment blocks around the British capital.

The London Fire Brigade said it received the first reports of the blaze at 12:54 a.m. and the first engines arrived within six minutes.

Survivors told of frantic attempts to escape during the nighttime fire. Some initially feared it was terrorism-related, although authorities have not suggested that terrorism was involved.

"The flames, I have never seen anything like it. It just reminded me of 9/11," said Muna Ali, 45. "The fire started on the upper floors. ... Oh my goodness, it spread so quickly. It had completely spread within half an hour."

Samira Lamrani said she saw a woman drop a baby from a window on the ninth or 10th floor to people on

the sidewalk.

"People were starting to appear at the windows, frantically banging and screaming," Lamrani told Britain's Press Association news agency.

When the woman indicated she was going to drop the infant, "a gentleman ran forward and managed to grab the baby," she added.

Joe Walsh, 58, said he saw someone toss two children out a window on the fifth or sixth floor. Tiago Etienne, 17, said he saw about three children between the ages of 4 and 8 being dropped from around the 15th floor. There was no

word on their fate.

Other residents told harrowing tales of their own escapes and frustration at not being able to help neighbors.

Parts of the building still burn hours after a deadly blaze at a high rise apartment block in London, Wednesday, June 14, 2017.



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Ruks Mamudu, 69, said she ran to safety down one flight of stairs to the ground floor from her apartment wearing only her purple pajamas and bathrobe. She and her grandson sat outside the building, helplessly watching those trapped on higher floors.

Qatar pulls all its troops from Djibouti-Eritrea border

DOHA, Qatar (AP)—Qatar said Wednesday it has pulled all of its troops from the border of Djibouti and Eritrea, east African nations that have a long-running territorial dispute which Doha had helped mediate.

Qatar offered no explanation for the move, though it comes amid a diplomatic dispute with other Arab nations that have cut diplomatic ties and now are trying to isolate Qatar from the rest of the world.

While the dispute hasn't escalated to a military confrontation, Qatar's military is dwarfed by neighboring Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, two of its biggest opponents in the crisis.

The 450 Qatari troops controlled a mountainous border crossing between Eritrea and Djibouti, said Nasredin Ali, a spokesman for Eritrea's biggest armed group, known as the Red Sea Afar Democratic Organization. Eritrean forces moved in after the troops departed, Ali said.

Eritrea's top diplomat to the African Union, Araya Desta, told The Associated Press the move came after Eritrea cut diplomatic ties to

Djibouti. However, Desta said his country wanted no confrontation with Djibouti.

"We don't want to take any of Djibouti's land," Araya said. "The last time we had some skirmishes. It was unnecessary."

Doha mediated the conflict between the two countries in 2010. Gulf nations have stationed troops in both African countries, using that as a jumping-off point for the ongoing Saudi-led war in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain have accused Qatar of supporting terrorism and severed ties with Doha last week. Qatar denies the allegations, but its ties to Iran and embrace of various Islamist groups have put the country under intense scrutiny.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres spoke to Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah on Wednesday and expressed "full support for Kuwait's efforts to de-escalate tensions and to promote effective dialogue" to resolve the crisis, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

Russian envoy urges new look at Syria's 'liberated' Aleppo

GENEVA (AP)—Some 25,000 Christians have returned to eastern Aleppo, Russia's ambassador in Geneva told a conference organized by his country to highlight the devastated Syrian city's steps toward returning to normal six months after rebel fighters were ousted by Russian-backed troops. The international Red Cross went even further, estimating that some 80,000 people total have returned.

The Russian conference, "Aleppo: A city free from terror. New life, new hopes," took place Wednesday on the sidelines of the U.N. Human Rights Council just as the International Committee of the Red Cross across the street released a new report with a decidedly different theme: "I saw my city die"—referring to Aleppo as well as Iraq's Mosul and Taiz in Yemen.

The Russian event, where

panelists variously decried propaganda, fake news and the alleged slant of "mainstream media" in the West about Syria, exemplified a painstaking Russian effort to generate another narrative about the country's war that has left at least 400,000 people dead and driven over 12 million people from their homes. The ICRC event more broadly pointed to how urban areas have increasingly become the locus of deadly wars and fighting in the world's most intractable recent conflicts.

The Syrian government of President Bashar Assad, which counts Russia as perhaps its biggest military and diplomatic backer, stands accused by the United Nations and human rights organizations and witnesses of systematically bombing hospitals in eastern Aleppo during its massive bombing campaign, killing dozens of

medics over the years.

At its presentation, Russia highlighted the medical relief that its own military teams have been helping provide on the ground in Aleppo.

Ambassador Alexey Borodavkin cited the return figures from local Christian leaders, but didn't specify where they had come from or why other religious groups went unmentioned. Syria's ambassador in Geneva, Hussam Aala, insisted "many more" than that had returned to eastern Aleppo from other parts of Syria, but he did not elaborate.

Ingy Sedky, spokeswoman for ICRC Syria, said her organization estimated some 80,000 had returned—many of whom had fled to the western side of the city that has long been in government control.

The Russian event aimed, in their view, to set the record straight about Aleppo and ap-

peal for greater support from Western nations. Speakers said the West had once been very vocal about helping the people of Aleppo but have grown quieter since Syrian troops backed by Russian and Iranian forces recaptured all of Aleppo.

"In fact, this event is very important because it is coming at a time where those who were making noise only a few months ago about the situation in Aleppo and the suffering of people in Aleppo are totally ignoring now—deliberately ignoring—the needs of the people of Aleppo," Aala said from the audience, praising Russia's role.

Borodavkin insisted that the "terrorists"—such as al-Qaida's Syria affiliate and its allies—were the ones who destroyed homes, businesses and hospitals in Aleppo: "It was not the Russian and Syrian air force who did that."

Off The Wall

French Spiderman climbs 29-story Spanish hotel without ropes

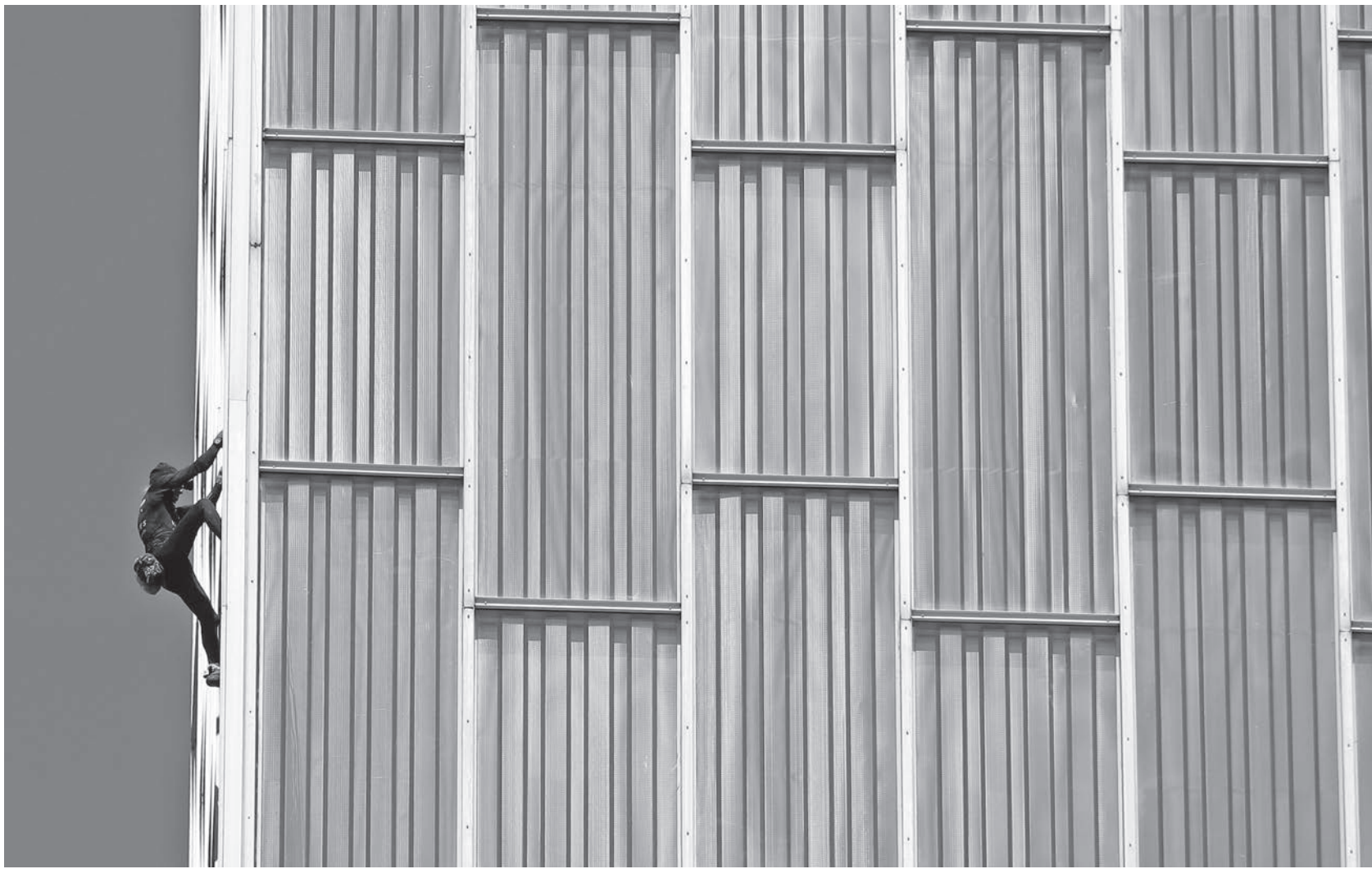
BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—French urban climber Alain Robert has scaled a 29-story hotel in Barcelona with his bare hands and in just 20 minutes.

Footage released Tuesday showed 54-year-old Robert, who is known as the “French Spiderman,” climbing the 114 meters (374 feet) of the Melia Barcelona Sky hotel without a safety harness.

Robert claimed to have reached the top of the glass-and-steel skyscraper in 20 minutes on Monday, according to his YouTube channel.

He was questioned by police on reaching the top, but was released without charge.

The free climber has scaled the world’s tallest structures, almost always without ropes or harnesses and often without permission. He also gives motivational speeches.



AP
French urban climber, Alain Robert, also known as “French Spiderman”, scales the 120 meters (393 ft) Melia Barcelona Sky Hotel in Barcelona, Spain, Monday, June 12, 2017.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Teens rescued after 3 days lost in Paris catacombs

PARIS (AP)—Two teenage boys have been rescued after three days underground in the skeleton-lined labyrinth of the Catacombs of Paris. Paris police said they alerted firefighters early Wednesday that the boys, aged 16 and 17, were missing. Police said teams of rescuers, including climbers and sniffer dogs, set out to search for the youths and found them beneath southern Paris a few hours later suffering from slight hypothermia. It was unclear how the boys got lost. Sometimes people sneak into the catacombs after the official museum is closed and venture into areas normally off-limits, even organizing special parties or adventure games. Some 20 meters (66 feet) below Paris, the catacombs hold the remains of 6 million people, transferred there starting in the 1700s as public graveyards were closed.

Soup Nazi-inspired company files for bankruptcy

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York company that sells soup from the recipes of the chef who was the real-life model of the Soup Nazi on “Seinfeld” has filed for bankruptcy.

The filing from Soupman Inc. comes less than a month after its chief financial officer was arrested on charges of cheating the government out of employment-related taxes. The CFO has pleaded not guilty. Soupman Inc. is based in Staten Island and sells soups made from the recipes of Al Yeganeh. He and his New York soup stand were the inspiration for the “Seinfeld” character, with the catchphrase “No soup for you!” The company said Tuesday it needs to seek bankruptcy protection in part because of “recent company developments” but store shelves will continue to carry its products including lobster bisque and mulligatawny.

Kansas husband who robbed bank to avoid wife given probation

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—A 70-year-old man who said he robbed a Kansas City, Kansas, bank so he could get away from his wife blamed his actions on depression. A federal judge on Tuesday sentenced Lawrence John Ripple to probation. Ripple went to the Bank of Labor - a block from police headquarters - last September. He gave a note to a teller saying he had a gun and was demanding money. After he was given it, Ripple waited for police. Court records indi-

cate Ripple wrote the robbery note in front of his wife and told her he would rather be in jail than at home. The Kansas City Star reports Ripple told the judge Tuesday that heart surgery left him depressed and unlike himself before he robbed the bank.

Rotting clams that stunk up neighborhood are being removed

TIVERTON, R.I. (AP)—The rotting clamshells that were used to pave an access road in a small Rhode Island community are being removed after neighbors complained about the stench and maggots. WJAR-TV reports that workers were at the property Wednesday morning to remove the clams after the property owner was issued a cease-and-desist order giving him until the end of the week to remove them. A crew with heavy equipment was seen scooping up shells. The owner used the shells to pave an access road two weeks ago. But they had meat still attached, leading to a putrid smell as it decomposed. Video showed maggots crawling all over the road. State environmental authorities said the clamshells were considered waste because of the decaying clam meat. The property owner has refused to comment.

Woman caught shoplifting said she was studying kleptomania

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP)—A Wyoming college student who told officers she was working on a term paper on kleptomania after she was caught shoplifting faces three felony charges.

The Gillette News Record reports 23-year-old Lydia Marie Cormaney was arrested on June 5 after try-

ing to leave Walmart with nearly \$1,900 worth of merchandise.

Court records say investigators later found thousands of dollars’ worth of stolen items in her dorm room. Cormaney told officers she began shoplifting after being forced to move into a new dorm room, away from her room-

mate who had many of the household items.

She said she was caught once when she tried to leave Walmart with three flat-screen televisions.

Cormaney made an initial court appearance on June 8 and did not enter a plea. A preliminary hearing is set for Wednesday.



SAND ANGELS

AP
Michael Schmelter of Canton, Mich. was one of 1,414 participate in the Guinness World Record attempt for simultaneously making sand angels at Stearns Park Beach on Saturday, June 10, 2017 in Ludington, Mich. Around 1,387 people angelically assembled on a Lake Michigan beachfront in Ludington on Saturday and worked their magic for 30 seconds. That far surpasses the roughly 350 who made sand angels for 15 seconds two years ago in Pembrokeshire, United Kingdom.

Science & Technology

Verizon takes over Yahoo to complete \$4.5 billion deal



In this Jan. 7, 2014, file photo, Yahoo president and CEO Marissa Mayer speaks during the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. AP

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Verizon has taken over Yahoo, completing a \$4.5 billion deal that will usher in a new management team to attempt to wring more advertising revenue from one of the internet's best-known brands.

Tuesday's closure of the sale ends Yahoo's 21-year history as a publicly traded company. It also ends the nearly five-year reign of Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer, who isn't join-

ing Verizon. She will walk away from Yahoo with a compensation package currently worth about \$125 million, including her severance pay and stock awards that will be fully vested with the deal's completion.

Yahoo's email and other digital services such as sports, finance and news will be run by Tim Armstrong, who has been running AOL since Verizon bought that company for \$4.4 billion two years ago. Arm-

strong will now be CEO of a new Verizon subsidiary called Oath, which will consist of Yahoo and various AOL services.

About 2,000 Yahoo and AOL workers are expected to lose their jobs as Verizon trims expenses and eliminates overlapping positions.

"Now that the deal is closed, we are excited to set our focus on being the best company for consumer media, and the best partner to our advertising,

content and publisher partners," Armstrong said.

Verizon won't be getting Yahoo's prized stakes in two Asian internet companies, Alibaba Group and Yahoo Japan. Those will belong to a newly formed company called Altaba, which also will inherit Yahoo's \$8 billion in cash and any money that might have to be paid in various shareholder lawsuits filed against Yahoo leading up to the sale.

The suits include complaints tied to computer hacking attacks that stole personal information from more than 1 billion Yahoo user accounts in 2013 and 2014 but weren't disclosed until last year. The fallout from the digital intrusions forced

Yahoo to give Verizon a \$350 million discount on the initial sale terms reached last July, causing the deal to be delayed by several months.

Altaba's stock will begin trading next week under the ticker symbol "AABA." Yahoo's stock will trade through Friday.

Verizon is counting on the combination of Yahoo and AOL to build a strong third alternative in a rapidly growing digital advertising market that is currently dominated by Google and Facebook.

But Yahoo's ad revenue has

been falling for most of the last decade. The company lured Mayer away from Google in 2012 in hopes of reversing the decline, but she couldn't pull it off despite investing billions in acquisitions aimed at making Yahoo a bigger player in the mobile advertising market.

By the end of last year, Yahoo's annual revenue after subtracting ad commissions had shrunk to \$3.5 billion, a 35 percent drop from its 2008 peak. By comparison, Google's revenue last year totaled \$73 billion, after subtracting ad commissions.

TECH Q&A

Changing network names and passwords

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I'd like to change the password on our wireless router-modem, a Zyxel Communications Corp. model PK5001Z. How can I do that?—Dennis Crowe, Plymouth, Minn.

A: There are two answers, depending on whether you want to change the modem's access settings (administrator name and password), or its Wi-Fi settings (network name, also called SSID, and password.)

To do either, go to the modem's web address by typing 192.168.0.1 in a browser (this works for certain brands, including yours). Close any error message. Type the "administrator username" and "administrator password" printed on the bottom label of the modem. Click "login."

To change the modem's access settings, choose the heading called "advanced setup." In the resulting list, look under the "security" heading and click "administrator password."

Under the heading "set the administrator username and password state" check "enable." Then enter the new "administrator username" and "administrator password" that you want to use.

Write down the new username and password and save them, because without them you can't change anything on the modem later. (You can choose whether to check "hide password," which will make your password appear as a collection of dots when you type it in.)

Click "apply" to save your changes.

To change the Wi-Fi settings, choose "wireless setup" rather than "advanced setup." In the resulting list, look under "basic settings" and click

"wireless security."

Under "select the SSID (network name)," change the default name to whatever you'd like it to be.

This is the name that will appear when anyone in your neighborhood looks at a list of nearby Wi-Fi networks.

Don't change the settings for "select security type" (it should say "WPA-WPA2-Personal") and "select encryption type" (it should say "Both").

Under "enter security key/passphrase," check "use custom security key/passphrase." Type in the password that you would like to use; it will become the password you type in to access your Wi-Fi network from your wireless devices. Click "apply"

Note that any computers or smartphones that have stored your existing Wi-Fi password won't be able to connect to your network once the new password is set. But after you use those devices to log in with the new password, they'll remember it.

Q: How can I retrieve my FlipShare videos?—Mary Goldstein, Minnetonka, Minn.

A: The videos you took with your Flip video camera and uploaded to the online FlipShare service are no longer available.

The Flip camera was made obsolete by cellphones that could take videos, which first appeared in the United States in 2009.

As part of ending production of the Flip camera, its manufacturer announced in mid-2011 (see tinyurl.com/y6uvk2jj) that customers had 30 days to download their existing FlipShare videos or lose them. The FlipShare service ended in 2013. However, you should check to see if copies of those Flip videos were also stored on your computer.

Major electronic entertainment show offers glimpse of future

LOS ANGELES (AP)—E3, the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo, opened Tuesday in Los Angeles with thousands of video game enthusiasts, analysts and industry representatives in attendance to play and show off the latest technology that will soon be hitting store shelves.

The show at the Los Angeles Convention Center has typically only been open to those in the industry and media that cover it. But this year organizers allowed 15,000 members of the general public onto the show floor.

"This is like the Mecca of the gaming industry so to be here is like a huge honor to be able to come here and see what's going on and get the first glimpse of all the greatest stuff coming out," said Bob Lease, who traveled from Pennsylvania to attend the show.

Analysts say one of the biggest announcements this year came from Microsoft with the release of its Xbox One X, claimed to be the most powerful gaming console ever made.

It's intended to push the boundaries of gaming to make even more realistic visuals, said Ian Sherr, executive editor at CNET News.

"They're trying to make them look like almost real life," he said. "They want to be the video industry in the movie industry."

The expo runs through Thursday with about 60,000 people expected to attend.

Science Matters

Thaumarchaeota, an ocean-dweller

Methanococcoides burtonii lives near freezing in Antarctic lakes

Look into our ancestors' deep past

Researchers have managed to look 3.5 billion years into the past, back to the early years of the Archaea, simple microbes that are the ancestors of all complex life today.

One of life's three branches

Archaea are bacteria-sized organisms that can draw energy from sunlight and a wide range of chemicals

Archaea

Bacteria **Eukaryotes**
Plants, animals, yeast, fungi, etc.

Archaea today

Abundant in oceans and wetlands; inhabit the human body, aiding digestion; thrive in hot, salty water

Boiling, acid springs

Swamps

Ancient world of the Archaea

Illustration by Tim Bertelink

Archaea readily take up DNA from distantly related organisms — a process called lateral gene transfer

A new study of Archaean DNA found that 3.5 billion years ago, when Earth was recently formed, Archaea had genes to metabolize carbon dioxide and did not require oxygen

Active volcanoes

Oxygen scarce in atmosphere

Hot oceans

Source: Tom Williams of the University of Bristol School of Earth Sciences; Proceedings of the National Academy of Science; University of Washington; University of New South Wales Cavicchioli Extremophiles Laboratory
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Dominican Republic dreams of becoming Caribbean Hollywood

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—In the opening scenes of the latest Vin Diesel action movie, troops in the Dominican Republic chase the hero through a rainforest and down a twisty mountain road. But in real life, the government is doing all it can to welcome the Hollywood star—or anyone else who wants to produce a film in this Caribbean country.

The filming here of some scenes from “xXx: Return of Xander Cage” is a sign of progress in efforts to persuade the film industry to use the Dominican Republic’s lush mountains, white-sand beaches and colonial architecture as a backdrop.

“Now, we are on the map,” said Yvette Marichal, director of a government agency created in 2010 to woo film production companies to the country and to regulate their activities here.

Marichal spoke in a recent interview after returning from the Cannes Film Festival, where her agency had a pavilion promoting the country’s varied landscape along with tax breaks and other incentives to lure companies from other destinations, including other parts of the Caribbean or the U.S.

Besides the Vin Diesel action flick, which grossed more than \$300 million at the box office this year, the country’s film credits have grown to include last year’s Netflix

production “True Memoirs of an International Assassin,” as well as “47 Meters Down,” which stars Mandy Moore and opens in the U.S. on Friday.

There are small-screen offerings as well, including the Turkish version of the competition series “Survivor,” which moved from the Philippines to the Dominican Republic’s Samana area in the north, as well as the Greek version of the same program, which is moving from Argentina’s Patagonian region, and a Swedish production of “The Bachelor.”

All or part of 45 foreign productions, including full-length movies, documentaries and reality TV shows, were filmed here last year. There were another 20 full-length movies for the domestic market, compared to three in 2010.

In the past, the country played host to some notable films. Parts of “Apocalypse Now” were filmed here as were scenes in “Godfather II” representing Cuba. In the 2006 movie adaptation of “Miami Vice,” the Dominican Republic stood in for Haiti, the other country occupying the island of Hispaniola. Those occasional productions inspired former President Leonel Fernandez, who was looking for ways to diversify the economy and bring jobs to the country of more than 10 million.

“That bit of investment in

Seth Meyers’ ‘Closer Look’ segments are ‘Late Night’ staple

NEW YORK (AP)—From “covfe” to Sean Spicer’s press briefings, the Trump administration has provided a steady stream of material for late-night shows.

NBC’s “Late Night with Seth Meyers” now devotes up to 12 minutes of airtime three to four days a week with a segment called “A Closer Look.”

During these segments, Meyers and his writers take an element of news and do a deep dive. On Monday it was President Donald Trump’s efforts to discredit former FBI Director James Comey while also trying to bolster his own reputation. He asked Cabinet members to give him compliments in an on-air round table.

“Is there anything creepier than Trump making his staff go around the room and praise him? Even Kim Jong Un is like, ‘Dude, have some self-respect,’” joked Meyers in “A Closer Look” segment.

Meyers says his interest in current events and politics stems from his childhood.

“My parents are very much

into reading newspapers, watching the news every night,” he says. “I grew up in New Hampshire, so presidential politics were on our front door every four years for six months.”

“Late Night” head writer Alex Baze says people are paying attention to politics.

“You can do your best work when the audience has a lot of information,” he said. “When you have to explain the whole story and then make a joke, it really loses steam along the way.”

Sal Gentile, designated writer for “A Closer Look,” says it’s “a lot of rapid-fire joke writing.”

“First you’re processing news and on top of that you’ve got to write jokes,” he says. “It requires speed and discipline.”

The “Closer Look” segment appears three or four times a week, and “Late Night” producer and showrunner Mike Shoemaker says it’s “the thing that excites us.”

“If you asked me a few years ago, ‘Do you think you’ll have



the Dominican Republic without any type of incentives motivated the president,” said Omar de la Cruz, who served on an advisory board that helped launch a more concerted effort to attract the film industry.

In 2010, the government established tax credits for productions costing at least \$500,000 and exemptions on such things as import duties for audiovisual equipment. The movie “A Dark Truth,” starring Andy Garcia, was the first to take advantage of the new law in 2011.

In addition to the incentives and marketing, universities in the Dominican Republic began offering courses to provide the technical skills that

12-minute segments that will even go on YouTube much less get a million views by the next day, I’d be very surprised. ... People accept it at every length and sometimes even the longer ones do better,” he says. “We learned to let the segment run and figure out the rest.”

Meyers says there are no rules about “A Closer Look.”

“I think one of the great advantages we have over real journalists who wonderfully have higher standards than we do is, when you’re dealing with an administration that often doesn’t have a lot of respect for integrity, comedy shows like ours are kind of better suited to call them out,” he said.

He says the main goal of the segments is to entertain, but it’s cathartic for him as well. “It’s the best feeling to have a day where there are things in the news that are frustrating to you and stressful, but if you can go out and tell jokes, it is the best feeling. I’m very lucky. I feel very fortunate to tell jokes now more than ever.”

production companies could use to find the local production and technical workers they are required to hire under the law. In 2013, the prominent Vicini family opened Lantica Media, which operates what it describes as the Caribbean’s most modern studio and sound stage facilities in a partnership with Britain’s Pinewood Studios.

Among the movies that Lan-

tica Media worked on is “xXx: Return of Xander Cage,” which required hiring 300 local people with technical skills, providing valuable experience for them to work in future major productions, said Rafael Nunez, a production director at the company’s location in San Pedro de Macoris on the southern coast. The facilities were also used in “47 Meters Down”

AP
In this May 26, 2017 photo, the Dominican Film Federation booth stands at the 70th international film festival in Cannes, southern France.

and “True Memoirs of an International Assassin.”

Marichal credits some of the success to the country’s varied landscape. “It is incredible how we have almost all ecosystems on this little island,” she said. “The only thing we lack is snow but for that we have studios.”

The benefits are difficult to measure, but Marichal’s office says that film production in 2016 injected nearly \$87 million into the economy and created 4,000 direct jobs. Most lucrative for the country are the long-running reality TV series, which bring crews staying six months or more at a time. There is also the benefit of promoting the country, already among the Caribbean’s top tourist destinations.

“It encourages me to see how much the Dominican Republic has achieved in so little time,” Marichal said.

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY †JULIAN QUIDACHAY REYES

We, the family of the late †Julian Quidachay Reyes would like to invite all our families, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Death Anniversary of our beloved’s passing unto eternal life.

Holy Mass of Intention is being offered nightly at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at the following Schedule:

Friday, June 9, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 11, 2017 – 6:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Monday, June 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
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Jury in Bill Cosby trial wraps up Day 3 without verdict

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)—With fatigue appearing to set in, jurors in Bill Cosby's sexual assault trial reviewed portions of his accuser's testimony Wednesday as they deliberated for a third day over whether the 79-year-old star drugged and molested her at his suburban Philadelphia estate.

Jurors made the request to have portions of Andrea Constand's testimony read back to them but ended the day without a verdict in a case that has already helped demolish Cosby's nice-guy reputation. They will resume deliberations Thursday morning.

The panel of seven men and five women worked late for the third night in a row, asking for testimony about a detective's interview with Cosby in early 2005, about a year after Constand says the comedian



Bill Cosby leaves the Montgomery County Courthouse during his sexual assault trial, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, in Norristown, Pa.

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Q&A: What if the Bill Cosby jury deadlocks

After three days, the jury in entertainer Bill Cosby's sex assault trial outside of Philadelphia has been unable to reach a verdict on three counts of aggravated indecent assault. Deliberations were set to resume Thursday.

The jury must reach a unanimous decision. If the jury tells the judge they are deadlocked, he will have considerable flexibility under Pennsylvania law in how to respond.

Q: How long can deliberations go?

A: It's rare that juries go for more than a couple days, according to veteran jury consultant Art Patterson, a social psychologist with Decision-Quest, a New York-based trial consulting firm.

The Cosby jurors were picked 300 miles away in Pittsburgh and have been sequestered in the Philadelphia suburbs during the trial.

"Hung juries aren't that common because jurors want to reach a verdict, and they usually get to a verdict," Patterson said.

If deliberations drag on, that's usually because either the panel is divided or, in complex cases, they are reviewing voluminous amounts of evidence. The Cosby jury got the case on the sixth day of the trial.

"People usually have their minds pretty well made up early in the deliberations process," Patterson said.

Philadelphia-based jury consultant Melissa M. Gomez said: "There's a good chance that there's polarizations of opinion on either end, and they want to go through evidence carefully, simultaneously—those things are happening at once."

Q: What happens if they

tell the judge they are deadlocked?

A: In nearly all cases, a judge would tell them to keep at it, according to Pennsylvania criminal defense lawyer Ed Paskey, "as long as it's not going to do violence to their conscience or their individual opinions."

Paskey, a former prosecutor with nearly 100 jury trials under his belt, said he has seen a judge tell jurors three times to resume deliberations, and in that case they did produce a conviction in a sexual assault case.

"It's a very, very rare occasion that a judge is going to let a jury off the hook on the first indication they're hopelessly deadlocked," Paskey said. "If you start to get into three or four full days, then there is going to be some concern after that point that perhaps a jury is not going to be able to reach a verdict."

Pittsburgh defense attorney Bernard Tully, a former prosecutor, said judges usually encourage jurors facing an impasse to try again, respecting one another's opinions, before they are willing to declare a mistrial.

"The language, a lot of times, that triggers this (is) if they come back and say, 'We're hopelessly deadlocked and there's no reasonable amount of additional deliberations that would cause us to change our views,'" Tully said. "At that point, in all likelihood, the judge would declare a mistrial."

Q: Short of a mistrial, can the judge take other action?

A: Patterson said judges have discretion to remove individual jurors under certain conditions.

"If the other jurors say to the

judge, one juror will not deliberate, will not discuss facts, reasons, will not participate, judges have actually removed jurors. That's a very extreme move, but it can be done," he said.

Tully said the judge would need "some foundation or basis for that radical step," more than simply hearing that someone has dug in their heels.

"Jurors are not required to give up a real belief just to reach a verdict," Tully said.

Q: What happens to Cosby if there's a hung jury?

A: The charges would stand. Prosecutors would get four months to decide whether to retry the case or abandon it. Tully said Cosby would likely get the same bail conditions—he is free on \$1 million bond—as he has attended all the hearings.

Q: How do prosecutors decide whether to retry a case that produced a hung jury?

A: Patterson said the factors include prosecutors' own analysis of the strength of the evidence, how high-profile the case is and the cost to go through another trial.

"There's a phrase that's often repeated, that the evidence rarely gets any better after the first trial for the prosecution," Paskey said. He said prosecutors also factor in the willingness of victims to go through a trial again.

Prosecutors can ask the jurors who could not reach a verdict if they will discuss what occurred. If they give the district attorney the sense there were several people willing to acquit, that would complicate a decision to retry him, Tully said.

"I would think they'd listen very heavily to what the jurors had to say, if they'll talk," Tully said. (AP)

hour mark, some jurors closed their eyes and tilted their heads down as a court reporter reread Cosby's January 2005 interview. One slunk down in his seat, looking angry.

"Can you find 12 people who will agree? That's the question," said criminal lawyer Alan J. Tauber, who wasn't involved in the case.

On Wednesday, the group wanted to hear from both Cosby and his accuser.

Constand testified last week that Cosby gave her pills that left her woozy, helped her to a couch and then violated her while she

was passed out, unable to say no or fight his advances.

The 44-year-old Toronto woman, who spent seven hours on the stand last week, was in the gallery as portions of her testimony were read back to the jury.

The panel also wanted to hear again from Cosby, who didn't testify at his trial but gave a deposition as part of Constand's civil suit against him and submitted to a police interview about her accusations.

Pennsylvania detectives spoke to Cosby in his lawyers' New York City offices a few weeks after Constand went to police in January 2005. Cosby said in the interview that he gave her Benadryl, an over-the-counter cold and allergy medicine, to help her relax. He said she didn't show any ill effects from the medicine, nor did she object as he groped her.

Constand's mother wiped away tears at times as the interview was read.

Cosby's lawyers maintain Constand was a willing sexual partner.

The long days appeared to be wearing on jurors.

"This is an incredible jury that has just acted with incredible dignity and fidelity, ... and I don't have any higher praise," Judge Stephen O'Neill told the panel before they broke for the night. "You have taken your task so seriously."

Dylan Nobel lecture used phrasing similar to SparkNotes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The whiff of plagiarism is blowing in the wind for Bob Dylan.

Phrases sprinkled throughout the rock legend's lecture for his Nobel Prize in literature are very similar to phrases from the summation of "Moby Dick" on SparkNotes, a sort of online "Cliff's Notes" that's familiar to modern students looking for shortcuts and teachers trying to catch them.

The saga began when writer Ben Greenman pointed out on his blog on June 6 that Dylan appeared to have invented a quote from "Moby Dick," which Dylan discussed in the lecture along with Buddy Holly, "The Odyssey" and "All Quiet on the Western Front."

Then Andrea Pitzer, a writer for Slate, delved into the supposed quote and wrote in a story Tuesday that the line was not in "Moby Dick" but was very much like a line from the SparkNotes summary of the book.

Here's Dylan: "Some men who receive injuries are led to God, others are led to bitterness"

And SparkNotes: "someone whose trials have led him toward God rather than bitterness."

Pitzer went on to find, and The Associated Press has verified, 20 other sentences with traces and phrases from the "Moby Dick" SparkNotes. She cites no examples in Dylan's discussion of the other two books, and the AP found none.

The cases Pitzer found are not blatant or explicit—there are no verbatim sentences, only identical phrases and similar phrasing.

Other examples:

■ Dylan: "Moby attacks one more time, ramming the Pequod and sinking it. Ahab gets tangled up in the harpoon lines and is thrown out of his boat into a watery grave."

■ SparkNotes: "Moby Dick rams the Pequod and sinks it. Ahab is then caught in a harpoon line and hurled out of his harpoon boat to his death."

■ Dylan: "The ship's crew is made up of men of different races."

■ SparkNotes: "...a crew made up of men from many different countries and races."

Dylan and spokesmen for SparkNotes and the Swedish Academy which hands out the Nobel weren't immediately available for comment.

But when Academy spokeswoman Sara Danius posted the

Constand denies there was any romance between them and told jurors she had rebuffed his advances before the assault. She believes he gave her something stronger than Benadryl on the night she says he molested her.

Cosby is charged with three counts of aggravated indecent assault. Each carries a maximum 10-year prison term, though the counts could be merged at sentencing if he is convicted.

The first prosecutor to review the case in 2005 passed on it. A successor, District Attorney Kevin Steele, reversed course a decade later, after dozens of women came forward to accuse Cosby of sexual misconduct and after the public release of his startling deposition in which he spoke about giving the powerful sedative quaaludes to women he wanted to have sex with.

The long-married Cosby, once known as America's Dad for his portrayal of kindly Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show," called all the encounters consensual.

The Rev. Andrew F. Kline, a vicar of a historic black church in Norristown who stopped by the courthouse steps Wednesday to check out the scene, said his congregation is "absolutely" talking about the case given Cosby's place in their lives.

Swedish version of Dylan's speech on her blog on June 7, she described it as "beautiful" and wrote that "the speech is rhetorically complete."

The AP asked three literature teachers and professors whether they would call out their students for similar work in a paper, and all said they would, if not for the plagiarism, for using the modern equivalent of Cliff's Notes.

"A high school student would get nailed," said Joseph Vasquez who teaches English at Rosemead High School in California, "since she should have done the reading, and the closeness of text suggests she didn't read the text but rather the SparkNotes."

Dylan has been accused of lifting lines from older artists for his songs in the past, though many fans dismiss it as simply reflecting the common borrowing of the folk-and-blues milieu he drew from. Early in his career, he used the melody of the slave song "No More Auction Block for Me" for his protest classic "Blowin' in the Wind." He has since drawn upon other material, sometimes extensively, in everything from his paintings to his memoir "Chronicles: Volume One."

Erendira Wallenda plans helicopter stunt over Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP)—The aerialist wife of daredevil Nik Wallenda is preparing for a stunt that will have her hanging by her teeth from a helicopter over Niagara Falls.

Thursday morning's performance comes on the fifth anniversary of Nik Wallenda's televised high-wire walk over Niagara Falls.

Plans call for Erendira Wallenda to be tethered by her waist as she performs a series of maneuvers on a hoop suspended from a helicopter 300 feet (91 meters) above the water. At one point she'll hang from her toes. At another, her teeth.

The Wallendas say the stunt will break a height record Nik Wallenda set in 2011 when he hung by his teeth 250 feet (76 meters) above Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri.

The Niagara County Legislature set aside \$35,000 for the act last month.

Trapeze-artist Erendira Wallenda smiles as she and her daredevil husband Nik Wallenda describe Erendira's plans to perform an acrobatic routine while suspended from a helicopter above Niagara Falls, at a news conference Wed., June 14, 2017 at the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y.



Israel's David Grossman wins International Booker Prize

LONDON (AP)—Israeli author David Grossman has won the Man Booker International Prize for his novel "A Horse Walks Into a Bar."

The award was announced Wednesday in London.

Grossman beat out five other finalists, including fellow Israeli author Amos Oz for the counterpart to Britain's prestigious Booker Prize. Grossman's novel is about a failing standup comic and his final

performance.

The award has a prize of 50,000 pounds (\$64,000) that is split evenly between Grossman and translator Jessica Cohen.

The prize was previously a career honor, but changed last year to recognize a single book in a bid to increase the profile of international fiction in English-speaking countries.

Last year the prize was awarded to "The Vegetarian" by South Korea's Han Kang.

Sony will only release clean edits with directors' approval

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sony is revising its plan to make sanitized versions of R and PG-13 rated movies available for home viewing after directors like Judd Apatow and Seth Rogen publicly expressed their disapproval. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment President Manjit Singh said Wednesday that they will only make the films available with the directors' approval.

Last week Sony unveiled their Clean Version initiative, which makes available the less

violent, salacious and profane broadcast television and airplane edits of certain movies when you purchase the regular title on a streaming service. Titles currently available include "Pixels," "Ghostbusters" and "Moneyball."

Singh said they believed they had obtained approvals from filmmakers to use the airplane and broadcast television versions of their films for home viewing, but promised to pull individual titles if a director objects.

'Bachelor in Paradise' contestant says she's 'victim'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A "Bachelor in Paradise" contestant says she's a "victim" of undisclosed events that led to production of the reality show being put on hold.

In a statement Wednesday, Corinne Olympios said she

has hired an attorney and is seeking therapy to deal with what she called the physical and emotional trauma she experienced on June 4.

Olympios said she has little memory of what occurred.

Warner Bros., the company

behind ABC's "Bachelor in Paradise," a spin-off of "The Bachelor," suspended production and sent contestants home while it investigates allegations of misconduct on the set in Mexico.

Warner Bros. also said it plans appropriate action de-

pending on the outcome.

The studio didn't provide further details and declined comment Wednesday on Olympios' statement.

"Bachelor in Paradise" planned to air its fourth season this summer.

Homeless, but not voiceless, at Carnegie Hall

NEW YORK (AP)—They're homeless, but a group of men and women from Texas has made it to Carnegie Hall.

The storied New York City concert hall was the venue Wednesday evening for a performance by the Dallas Street Choir, all singers recruited from urban streets and homeless shelters who've been performing since 2015.

About 20 members of the choir were joined by 17 residents of a Manhattan home-

less shelter.

The singers included Michael Brown, who lives under a bridge in Dallas when it rains and on a hilltop in sunny weather.

"We may be homeless, but we're not voiceless," he said at a rehearsal Tuesday, "so let's use our effort to remind people that we still have hope and it will never die."

Dallas Street Choir conductor Jonathan Palant has also brought in some world-class luminaries for the per-

formance: mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade; soprano Harolyn Blackwell; composer Jake Heggie, who created a musical version of the book and movie "Dead Man Walking"; and Stephen Schwartz, who composed the Broadway hits "Godspell," "Pippin" and "Wicked."

Palant said he got the idea for the choir a few years ago while volunteering with a homeless services organization. It started out as a Christmas event - a

big meal at a homeless shelter with entertainment by a group of singers who rehearsed with Palant for just a few hours. But that inspired him to start a weekly musical session open to anyone who wanted to sing.

Members of the choir come and go frequently. They don't always produce perfect sounds, and there are moments of slight cacophony, "but our members sing with heart like no other choir I've ever worked with," said Palant.

Teen tells mom to stay away during his band performances

DEAR ABBY: My 15-year-old son will be entering 10th grade. He has been a member of the school band since sixth grade. After performing in last year's Christmas parade, a group of the students went to a nursing home to perform for the residents. When we arrived, I started to get out of the car with my son so I could listen, as other parents were doing. My son seemed surprised that I was going to stay and said he would rather I didn't because I make him nervous. Needless to say, I was devastated.

Now, whenever there's a concert, festival, parade or football game, I stay away, although I love to listen and watch the band play. When I don't attend, I feel hurt all over again. I'm his mother. I'm at a loss as to why I make him nervous, because I have always given him positive feedback regarding any performance. Should I respect his wishes and stay away, or go because it is what makes me happy?

MISSING THE SHOW IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MISSING THE SHOW: Have you ASKED your son why your presence makes him nervous when he performs? His answer might be enlightening. It could be something as simple as the fact that you are his mother. Sometimes teens become self-conscious simply because a parent is present, which may be the case with your son. That said,

if you wish to attend his performances, I think you should, IF you can do it unobtrusively, preferably out of his line of sight, and refrain from giving him feedback.

DEAR ABBY: Life has me worn out. I have accomplished more than I ever thought I could (considering my upbringing), traveled as much as I wanted, always strived to be a good husband and father, a good employer, a loyal volunteer, a supportive friend and good neighbor. I have done so many different things during my life that at this point, the thrill is gone.

At 56, I am tired of working, tired of travel, bored with my hobbies and sick of dealing with most people in general. I'm relaxed and laugh easily and have good relationships, but nothing excites me anymore. Honestly, if the Grim Reaper tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Pack your bags; tomorrow's the day," I'd just shrug and ask, "What time?"

I have been to the doctor. He said I'm depressed, but I don't FEEL depressed. I think the meds he put me on made me depressed! I went to a couple of therapists who told me I don't need therapy; I just need to find a new "spark." So what's a person to do? Must I keep wallowing through the days waiting for the end? Am I the only person who feels this way?

WALLOWING IN THE NORTH

DEAR ABBY

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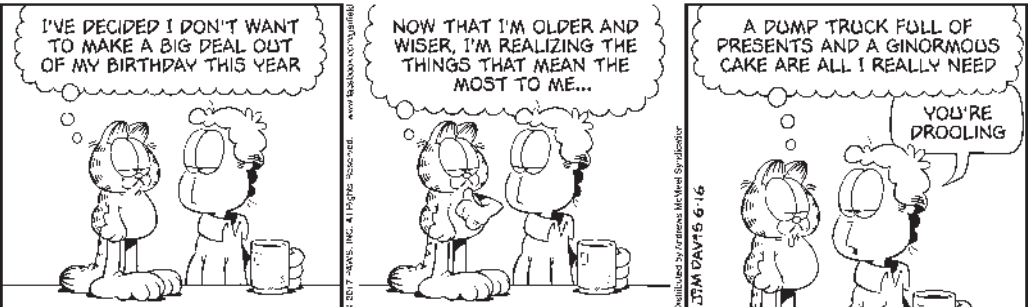
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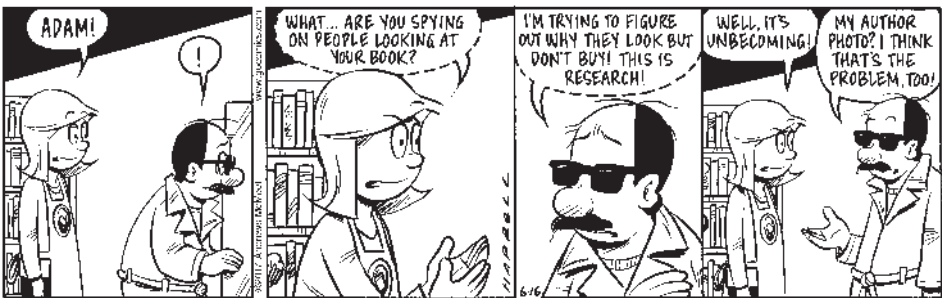
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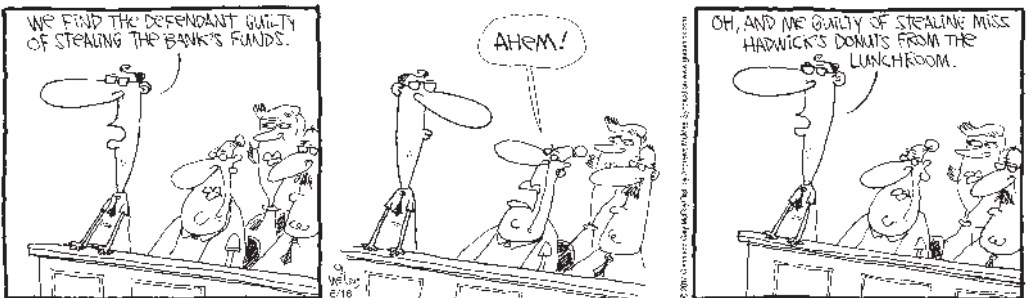
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone will withhold important information. Don't make a decision that will have a lasting effect on your future plans and goals. Look out for your own interests and negotiate on your own behalf. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll find unusual ways to get things done. Your insight and dedication coupled with your ability to meet deadlines and to surprise others with your ideas will pay off and bring high returns. Romance will enhance your personal life. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Question everything and everyone. Incorrect information will cause delays and make you look bad. Broaden your outlook when faced with opposition. A willingness to negotiate and meet others halfway will help you avoid being left out. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Personal gains can be made. Let your emotions be your guide when it comes to dealing with children, a close friend or your companion. A pas-

sionate or kind gesture will enhance your relationships with those you love and respect. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hold on to your cash. Don't let anyone sweet-talk you into spending money on something you don't need. Look for alternative ways to have fun and do things without putting your hard-earned cash on the line. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Base relationships on trust and equality. Emotional matters will surface if there is too much pressure being put on you to do things you don't want to do. Don't feel like you have to be a chameleon and mirror someone else's actions. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Deception is apparent when dealing with peers, relatives or friends. Ask questions before you agree to take part in something that is emotionally draining. Change can be good if it leads to fewer complications and a simpler lifestyle. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll learn by taking part in events that are challenging mentally, physically and emotionally. Socializing and sharing your thoughts with someone special will encourage you to make positive changes. A commitment or altering your lifestyle is favored. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems with partners will leave you feeling isolated and confused. Listen carefully and consider whether you need the kind of help that's being offered. Going it alone will give you the control you need to stay within budget. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Trust your own judgment. One of your peers will feed you false information that will set you back if you are gullible. Channel your energy into doing what needs to be done without offering insight into your plans. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be taken advantage of if you are sympathetic to someone whining about tough times. Offer suggestions, but don't put your money or time into something that is not your responsibility. Aim to stabilize your life, not make it more complicated. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional energy should be put to good use. A creative hobby or personal improvements you want to make will be a good outlet for you to pursue alone. Refuse to let anyone use emotional tactics to encourage poor habits. ***

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By Dave Green

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- AGENDA
- I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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 - A. EAGI Committee Hearing:
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 - B. Public Comments

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Royals beat San Francisco to complete 2-game sweep



SAN FRANCISCO
(AP)—Mike

Moustakas hit his 18th home run leading off the second inning. Jorge Bonifacio and Lorenzo Cain followed with back-to-back shots in the third and the Kansas City Royals beat the San Francisco Giants 7-2 on Wednesday to complete a two-game sweep.

Bonifacio finished with two hits and three RBIs, Whit Merrifield added three hits and three runs while Alcides Escobar singled three times to help Jason Hammel end an eight-game winless stretch on the road that dated to 2016.

Hammel (3-6) allowed one run over 6 2/3 innings to beat the Giants for the first time in 12 starts. The right-hander gave up eight hits, struck out four and walked one.

Moustakas, one of Kansas City's top hitters over the past two weeks, stayed hot with his home run off former Royals pitcher Johnny Cueto (5-6) that landed in the waters of McCovey Cove. It was the fifth homer in 12 games for Moustakas, who is already just four shy of his career-high.

Marlins 11, Athletics 6

In Miami, Marcell Ozuna homered to start the Miami Marlins' comeback from an early four-run deficit, and they beat the Oakland Athletics 11-6 Wednesday to complete a two-game sweep.

Ozuna hit his 17th home run to start the second inning, added a double and had three RBIs. Tyler Moore hit his fifth homer and scored three times to help the Marlins overcome a wobbly outing by Edinson Volquez, who had a no-hitter in his most recent home start.

Ichiro Suzuki had a pinch-hit single in the fifth for his 365th interleague hit, breaking Derek Jeter's major league record.

Ryon Healy hit a three-run homer for the Athletics (27-38), who fell to 11 games below .500 for the first time. They went 1-5 on their trip and lost their ninth consecutive road series, their longest such streak since 1986.

Red Sox 7, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Mookie Betts homered twice and Xander Bogaerts had three RBIs to help the Red Sox beat the Phillies.

Betts had four hits and drove in three to lead an offensive barrage off Phillies starter Jeremy Hellickson (5-5). Boston tagged him for six runs on nine hits in just five innings.

Betts led off the game with a single, had an RBI double in the second, but his biggest hit was a solo home run, his 10th of the season, in the



Kansas City Royals' Lorenzo Cain, right, celebrates after hitting a solo home run against the San Francisco Giants with Mike Moustakas during the third inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

fourth inning after the Phillies had scored three runs to close within 5-3.

He had a chance to get the cycle in the ninth inning, but instead of a triple connected for home run No. 11 to put the game out of reach. It was his eighth career multi-homer game.

Betts was dazzling defensively as well, and made a stellar diving catch in right field to rob Howie Kendrick of a hit in the fifth inning.

Blue Jays 7, Rays 6

In Toronto, Russell Martin hit a tiebreaking home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift the Blue Jays to a 7-6 victory over the Rays.

Kendrys Morales homered among his two hits and drove in four runs for the Blue Jays, who won after giving up a three-run lead in the top of the eighth.

Trailing 6-3, the Rays tied it on Logan Morrison's 19th homer, a two-run shot off reliever Joe Smith (3-0) and Derek Norris' sacrifice fly.

Martin then connected for his sixth home run of the season off reliever Jose Alvarado (0-1) over the center-right-field fence in the bottom half.

Roberto Osuna ensured it stood up in the ninth, finally forcing Evan Longoria to pop out to second base to earn his 17th save of the season.

Tampa Bay lost for just the second time in eight games.

Diamondbacks 2, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Taijuan Walker pitched five sharp innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Diamondbacks won their fourth straight game, beating the Tigers.

Walker (5-3) allowed a run and six hits in his first appearance since May 19. He had been out because of a blister on his right index finger.

The Diamondbacks scored two runs in the first inning, and that turned out to be all they needed. Walker was lifted after 82 pitches, but Randall Delgado pitched three scoreless innings of relief. Fernando Rodney struck out the side in the ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances.

Padres 4, Reds 2

In San Diego, Franchy Cordero's go-ahead single in the seventh inning capped a comeback that included Hunter Renfroe's two-run homer, sending the Padres to a sweep-completing victory over the Reds.

Jhoulys Chacin (6-5) pitched seven innings, allowing five hits and two runs.

With the score 2-2 after Renfroe's tying shot an inning earlier, Padres pinch-hitter Matt Szczur and Jose Pirela scored after drawing walks against reliever Michael Lorenzen (3-2) to open the seventh.

The Reds, who have lost their past eight road games, were swept at both Dodger Stadium and Petco Park to go 0-6 on the West Coast trip.

Braves 13, Nationals 2

In Washington, Kurt Suzuki homered, Julio Teheran earned his third consecutive victory and the Braves defeated the Nationals to earn a rare series victory on the road against their NL East rival.

Brandon Phillips had four hits and three RBIs for the Braves, who had dropped seven consecutive road series

against the Nationals and had lost 23 of their last 25 games in Washington before taking two of three this week.

Braves outfielder Matt Kemp left the game in the third inning after suffering an apparent leg injury while sliding into third base.

Rockies 5, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Ian Desmond hit his fourth home run of the season and rookie German Marquez pitched effectively into the sixth inning as the Rockies beat the Pirates to snap a three-game losing streak.

Marquez (5-3) gave up one run and four hits in five-plus innings as the Rockies avoided being swept for the first time this season. Raimel Tapia went 4 for 4 and scored three times for Colorado. Jake McGee bailed the Rockies out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the seventh. Colorado picked up its major-league best 25th road win.

Mets 9, Cubs 4

In New York, Curtis Granderson opened a five-run eighth inning with his 300th homer, a tiebreaking shot that helped the Mets rally past the Cubs.

Injury replacement Lucas Duda added a three-run homer off Hector Rondon, and T.J. Rivera capped the outburst with an RBI single for his third hit.

With sluggers Yoenis Cespedes and Michael Conforto on the bench to begin the game, the resurgent Mets came back from a 4-1 deficit and took two of three from the defending World Series champions despite losing second baseman Neil Walker to a left leg injury.

Granderson received a standing ovation and came out for a curtain call after connecting in the eighth off Carl Edwards Jr. (2-1).

Jerry Blevins (4-0) struck out three of his four batters to earn the win.

Dodgers 6, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Cleveland relief ace Andrew Miller gave up a tiebreaking home run for the second straight night — a solo shot to pinch-hitter Kike Hernandez in the eighth inning — and the Dodgers defeated the Indians.

Hernandez, batting for Chase Utley, hit a 1-2 pitch that barely cleared the wall in right field. Hernandez pumped his fist as he rounded first base after his homer gave Los Angeles a 3-2 lead.

Miller (3-2) wore a shocked expression as he walked to the left of the mound after the home run. The left-hander, who has been virtually unhittable, allowed a leadoff homer to Cody Bellinger in the eighth — the first he gave up this season — that broke a tie in the Dodgers' 7-5 win Tuesday.

Astros 13, Rangers 2

In Houston, Derek Fisher homered and had an RBI single for his first major league hits in a nine-run sixth inning to help the Houston Astros to a victory over the Rangers to avoid a three-game sweep.

The Astros led by three with no outs in the sixth when Fisher, who made his debut on Wednesday, connected off Jeremy Jeffress for a solo home run to the seats in left field. Two pitches later, Jake Marisnick hit a pitch into nearly the same spot to extend the lead to 6-1.

Mariners 6, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Mitch Haniger and Mike Zunino homered against Ervin Santana early, and the Mariners bullpen held off the Twins late.

Ben Gamel added three hits and two runs for the Mariners, who have won 12 of 17 games. Rookie Sam Gaviglio picked up the win by pitching into the sixth inning, and four relief pitchers combined to close the door on the Twins' attempt to come back from a 5-0 deficit.

Edwin Diaz recorded four outs and dealt with a scare in the ninth inning to pick up his 11th save in 13 opportunities and bring Seattle one win away from the .500 mark.

Angels 7, Yankees 5

In Anaheim, California, shortstop Andreton Simmonds hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to break a tie and lead the Angels to a victory over the Yankees.

Simmons fell to one knee to hit his seventh home run and ruined the major league debut of New York right-hander Ronald Herrera (0-1).

Danny Espinosa hit a two-run homer for the Angels, and Gary Sanchez a three-run shot for the Yankees.

Brewers 7, Cardinals 6

In St. Louis, Eric Thames homered and drove in three runs, Matt Garza pitched five innings in his first start after a short stint on the disabled list, and the Brewers beat the Cardinals.

Eric Sogard added a two-run double to lead a four-run second inning as Milwaukee improved to 18-13 on the road.

Aledmys Diaz hit a two-run homer for the Cardinals, losers of two in a row after winning four straight.

Orioles 10, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Welington Castillo hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high five runs, and the Orioles snapped a six-game losing streak with a rain-delayed victory over the White Sox.

Castillo gave the Orioles an 8-5 lead with his drive against Miguel Gonzalez (4-8) in the fifth inning and helped prevent them from matching their longest slide of the season. Baltimore also evened its record at 32-32 after falling below .500 for the first time since Oct. 3, 2015.

And now, 29 teams will start chasing the champion Warriors

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



The alarm was sounded loud and clear by LeBron James not long after the NBA Finals ended, and every other player, coach and general manager around the league who did not end this season drenched in champagne surely agreed with what he was saying.

The Golden State Warriors are a problem.

And they're probably going to stay that way.

There will be one question inevitably asked this offseason by most of the 29 other teams in the NBA whose fingers didn't get to smudge the golden surface of the Larry O'Brien Trophy this year. That question will not have a good answer for many, if any. Basketball's offseason is here, a draft and free agency loom, and for the second time in three years everyone is chasing the Warriors.

Good luck, everybody.

You're going to need it.

"They're going to be here for a while," James said after the Finals ended, his words coming as the Warriors' celebration was still going in earnest. "They're going to be around for a while. Pretty much all their guys are in their 20s. Pretty much all their big-name guys are in their 20s, and they don't show any signs of slowing down."

Boston has the No. 1 pick in the draft to add to a team that went to the Eastern Conference finals this season. Miami will have around \$37 million in spending money once Chris Bosh comes off the books. James will try and lure more help

to come to Cleveland. Chris Paul, Dwyane Wade, Derrick Rose, Gordon Hayward, Paul George and Blake Griffin may all be changing addresses. The Knicks have openly been begging Carmelo Anthony to seek a trade elsewhere.

No, quiet will not happen in July 2017.

It's unclear if any of this summer's moves will matter come June 2018.

The Warriors might be that far ahead of the field already.

"There's going to be a lot of teams that's trying to figure out ways to put personnel together to try and match that if they're able to actually face them in a playoff series, both Eastern Conference and Western Conference," James said. "Because they're built for ... from my eyes, they're built to last a few years."

Technically, the Warriors have some work to do in order to remain the Warriors.

Stephen Curry, Andre Iguodala, Shaun Livingston, Zaza Pachulia, David West and JaVale McGee will be among many Golden State players in the free-agent waters, and Kevin Durant will likely join them. Even though it will cost the Warriors big money—remember, Curry is in line for an enormous raise and made "only" \$12 million this season—it's more than possible for them to keep their core intact.

There also are some other matters of business around the league to clear up this season.

Many players have opt-in decisions coming before the July 1 shopping spree opens. Some of those decisions could affect what happens on draft night, when Markelle Fultz will likely go to the Celtics



with the No. 1 overall pick. And there is still all the awards that need to be handed out, like settling the Russell Westbrook versus James Harden race for MVP.

There hasn't been a coaching change in more than a year, which is an incredibly rare occurrence for the league. But some front offices have

undergone recent overhauls, and more of that could be on the way—especially if Cleveland does not retain GM David Griffin, whose contract with the Cavs is expiring.

Rosters, though, will definitely change. They always change. The Warriors won't be the same when Commissioner Adam Silver hands them their

rings next October (when the league's longer season designed to give more rest over the 82-game span) begins. The Cavaliers won't be the same either. Nobody will have the same 15 players they ended the season with.

But the Warriors look like they're on the brink of something dynastic.

AP
Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant, center, celebrates with guard Stephen Curry, top left, forward Draymond Green (23) and center Zaza Pachulia during the second half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 4, 2017.

No team had a winning record against Golden State this season—five were .500 against the Warriors—and 16 of the 29 other teams in the league didn't beat them even once. The best example of how far the league has to go to catch the Warriors might be the Portland Trail Blazers, a very solid team with two great scorers in Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum.

Portland played Golden State eight times this season. The Blazers went 0-8.

Again, good luck, everybody else.

"We're obviously just getting started," Curry said. "This is something that we want to continue to do."

Golden State Warriors parade set for Thursday in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—After a night of celebrating the Golden State Warriors latest NBA title, fans snapped up victory shirts and hats Tuesday, while Oakland crews were busy hanging championship banners along the parade route.

The parade will take place Thursday morning in downtown Oakland, following the same route as the team's parade to celebrate the 2015 NBA title.

It will start at 10 a.m. at Broadway and 11th Street, wind through downtown streets and end with a procession to the Henry J. Kaiser

Convention Center.

Fans are encouraged to line up for the parade and rally as soon as 5 a.m. Thursday and taking public transportation is encouraged.

Following the victory Monday night, warriors' fans danced in the streets in downtown Oakland and wildly honked their horns in San Francisco.

The party began as soon as Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry and the Warriors beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 129-120 at Oracle Arena to clinch their second championship in three years.

In San Francisco, people hung out of cars waving blue

and gold flags.

Across the bay, in downtown Oakland, about 1,000 people celebrated in the streets, but most were peaceful. Crowds gathered in intersections, including one where cheering fans made a circle to watch several men breakdance. Some climbed street lights, some sprayed champagne and some threw bottles leaving broken glass in streets. Others set off fireworks.

One car was damaged when fans jumped on its roof, police said.

Police issued more than 40 citations and towed at least

30 cars that were driving recklessly on city streets following the win, according to Oakland police spokeswoman Johnna Watson.

Between 400 and 500 spectators and vehicles participated in "sideshow" activity in East Oakland on Monday night and some revelers threw rocks and bottles at officers, though no serious injuries were reported.

The Warriors won the title in 2015 before the Cavaliers made their historic comeback last year. Then it was Golden State's turn again, taking the title in five games.

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TanHoldings grabs lead; Shirley's FC-1 stays on top

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REPORTER



TanHoldings Football Club took the lead in Division A, while Shirley's FC-1 remained at the No. 1 spot in Division B after the contrasting results of their respective games in the M-League last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

TanHoldings crushed Kanoa FC, 9-3, to gain a 9-0-2 win-draw-loss record and wrestle the driver's seat from MP United and CNMI Boys U16 National Team, which holds identical 6-1-2 slates. Joshua Deleon and Sean Perez towed TanHoldings to the easy win after scoring three goals apiece, while Jerishwin Angeles chipped in two and Jonathan Capayas added one. Saixian Bagsic, Rodwealth Espana, and Daiki Monzen had one goal each for Kanoa, which dropped to fifth place in the team standings with its

2-1-6 mark.

In the other Division A game, the CNMI U16 edged MP United, 2-1. Sunjoon Tenorio made the winning goal in the 56th minute, while Anthony Fruit drilled the other goal for the Teen Ayuyus 10 minutes earlier. Young Ju Lee tallied the lone goal for MP United in the 25th minute.

In Division B, Shirley's FC-1 played Matansa in a scoreless draw to keep the top spot in their group. Shirley's FC-1 has an 8-1-0 card, pending the results of its game against the CNMI Women's National Team yesterday, and has a good lead against sister team Shirley's FC-2 (5-3-1) and Kanoa (5-2-2). Matansa is at the bottom half of the team standings in the eight-squad field with its 2-3-4 card.

Shirley's FC-2 notched its fifth win after outclassing WNT last Saturday, 3-2. Shirley's FC-2 posted all its goal in the first half, courtesy of Jack Phan, Heng Gup Piao,

and Louis Ryu's shots in the sixth, 26th, and 29th minute, respectively. Brittany Wally and Lalaine Pagarao scored for WNT in the 53rd and 58th

minute.

In other results in Division B, Sun Palace defeated Kanoa, 5-2, while the Thundercats got a free win (forfeit) over Ko-

rean Football Association on Saipan.

Sun Palace, which is now in fourth place in the rankings with its 4-1-4 record, drew two

goals each from Feng Yu and Xiong Zhe Li and one from Jin Seok Seo. Brian Lubao and Minsoo Jun registered the two goals for Kanoa.

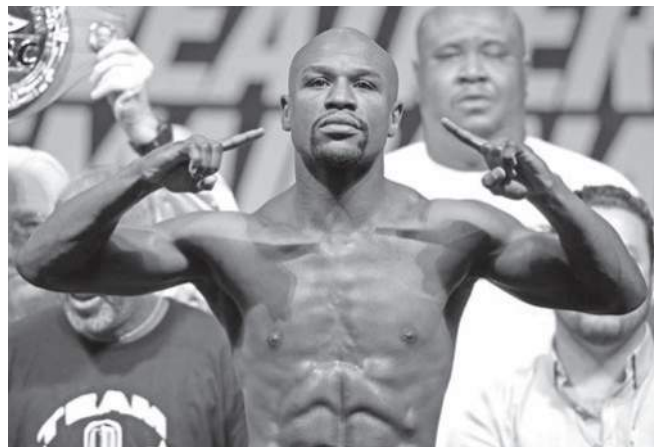
Mayweather coming back to fight UFC star McGregor Aug. 26

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. will come out of retirement to meet UFC star

Conor McGregor in an Aug. 26 boxing match that will feature two of the top-selling fighters in the world.

The two fighters both announced the fight Wednesday, after months of speculation about whether Mayweather would return at the age of 40 to face a mixed martial arts fighter who has never had a pro boxing fight.

Odds makers immediately made Mayweather a big 11-1 favorite in a fight that will take place in a boxing ring and be governed by boxing rules. It will take place at 154 pounds.



AP

In this Sept. 12, 2014, file photo, Floyd Mayweather Jr. poses on the scale during a weigh in for a fight against Marcos Maidana in Las Vegas.

it's impossible to predict how many sales this will do."

Espinoza said the fight came together quickly after McGregor and the UFC reached agreement last month on their end of the deal and Mayweather's team pushed for the fight in recent days.

"All parties were motivated and reasonable and thrilled we could get everything done," he said. "The sky's the limit on this."

Financial terms were not released, though Mayweather got the greater share of revenue when he fought Manny Pacquiao and is expected to have a similar percentage against McGregor.

"It's official," Mayweather said on Instagram next to a video poster of both fighters.

"THE FIGHT IS ON," McGregor tweeted several minutes earlier, posting a picture of himself next to one of Mayweather's father, Floyd Sr.

Mayweather, who retired in September 2015 after winning all 49 of his pro fights, will face the Irish UFC superstar at the T-

Mobile arena on the Las Vegas Strip. He had tweeted a picture of himself sparring in recent days to show he was already getting ready for the bout.

"This is really an unprecedented event," said Stephen Espinoza, who heads Showtime Sports, which will handle the pay-per-view. "Really we haven't seen anything in modern history that resembles it,

MIYAWAKI

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In the boys 14-and-under singles, No. 1 seed Sean Lee is in the finals after dominating Guam's Thomas Ysrael in the semis, 6-0, 6-0. Lee, who swept his five games in the pool play, stretched his streak to five after topping FSM's Deavytn Etscheit in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 6-1, before ousting Ysrael to ease his way to the finals. In the championship game, Lee is paired against another Guam player in Andrew Leng, who foiled an all-CNMI finale after eliminating

Richard Steele, 6-0, 6-3. The No. 4 seed Steele earlier outclassed fellow CNMI bet Sam Ryu, 7-5, 4-6, 10-6, to move into the semis against Leng.

Duplicating Lee's final stint in the tournament was Michael Ren, who marched into the title match in the boys 16 and under singles following a 6-1, 6-2 win over FSM's Joab William yesterday. Ren is unbeaten so far in the division as he swept the five games in the pool play and topped FSM's Sterkis Abraham in the quarterfinals, 7-6 (8), 6-0.

Ren's finals opponent is

No. 1 seed Camden Camacho, who ousted the CNMI's Vincent Tudela in the other semis game, 6-4, 6-1. Before bowing to Camacho, Tudelo beat fellow Commonwealth player Ken Song, 6-4, 6-4, to earn a Final Four berth. Camacho, on the other hand, whipped FSM's Sarkau Weston Luckymis in their Round of 8 tiff, 6-1, 6-0.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	25	.603	—
Boston	37	28	.569	2
Tampa Bay	35	33	.515	5½
Baltimore	32	32	.500	6½
Toronto	32	33	.492	7

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	33	29	.532	—
Cleveland	31	31	.500	2
Kansas City	30	34	.469	4
Detroit	30	34	.469	4
Chicago	28	36	.438	6

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	45	22	.672	—
Los Angeles	35	34	.507	11
Seattle	33	34	.493	12
Texas	32	33	.492	12
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	26	.600	—
New York	30	34	.469	8½
Miami	29	35	.453	9½
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Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	32	.522	—
Chicago	32	33	.492	2
St. Louis	30	34	.469	3½
Pittsburgh	30	36	.455	4½
Cincinnati	29	36	.446	5

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	41	25	.621	—
Colorado	42	26	.618	—
Arizona	41	26	.612	½
San Diego	27	40	.403	14½
San Francisco	26	41	.388	15½

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From left, Jomari Pico, Ricky Castro, Marian Aldan-Pierce, and Paul Plunkett pose for a photo during DFS' donation (\$1,500) turnover ceremony to the Triathlon Association of the CNMI for the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon that will be held on June 24.

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week, Lee earned both the singles and doubles championships in the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 for her second and third title in the ITF Juniors Circuit.

The 15-year-old Lee could make it fifth in a row, as he

is also in contention in the singles event of the Open BNP Paribas Junior de Nouvelle-Caledonie a after advancing to the semifinals yesterday.

The No. 1 seed Lee eliminated No. 5 Elys Saguil-Ventura of New Zealand, 6-3, 6-4, to take the first finals seat at the upper half of the draw. Incidentally, Lee will also face

Aoki in the semifinals after the No. 3 seed Japanese ousted Australia and No. 9 Chiara Di Tommaso, 6-2, 6-0.

In the other Final Four pairing, it will be Helena Mohamed of France and Matsuda. The unranked Mohamed, who lost to Lee in the finals of last week's tournament, barged into the semis

following a 6-2, 6-4 victory over fellow unseeded player Milan Krish of Australia. The No. 12 Matsuda, on the other hand, posted the biggest win yesterday after pulling off an upset over the No. 2 seed Tsukamoto, 7-5, 6-1.

The ongoing Open BNP Paribas Junior de Nouvelle-Caledonie is a Grade 5 tour-

nament that awards 30 world ranking points to the singles champion and 20 each to the doubles winners. If Lee gets the 50 points, she is expected to move up to the rankings anew after climbing from world No. 314 to No. 287 following her sweep in the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017.

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las added 24—5 where made in the final canto. Ferrer had 10 of his total markers in the payoff period, while Duenas made 14 on a losing effort.

Duenas still top-scored for Stephen's Pawnshop despite sitting out early in the second quarter after getting a bump on his forehead following collision with Cuadro PS' Jerome Director. With Duenas on the bench, Cuadro PS managed to grab control of the match,

turning a 22-25 deficit to a 45-41 lead at the break. Cuadro PS went on to retain the upper hand at the end of the third, 71-68, thanks to Rabauliman's 9 straight markers.

However, Cuadro PS could not pull away in the fourth, as Duenas kept Stephen's Pawnshop afloat before timely baskets from Ferrer sealed the deal for his team.

In the second game, Ken Viray sizzled for 37 points to power Arianne Fish Mart to the 11-point win.

Viray and Sanguyo teamed

up in keeping Arianne's safe distance against the persistent *Marianas Variety*, as they combined for 16 points in the fourth quarter that started with the eventual winning team ahead by only 6, 74-68.

Sanguyo ended up with twin digits, logging 17 points, while Dexter Guiang and Art Salazar were the other double-figure scorers for Arianne, contributing 15 and 13, respectively.

Ivan Devero had 24 points to pace *Marianas Variety*, but was without a field goal at the halfway mark of the fourth

canto after scoring his team's first 10 markers in that quarter.

Meanwhile, the single-elimination playoff round will continue tonight with the No. 1 seed Ali'i Blue Haus taking on No. 8 United Ballers in the first game and No. 2 SSFM facing JCN/Cell Pro in the second match.

First Game

Arianne Fish Mart 97 — Viray 37, Sanguyo 17, Guiang 15, Salazar 13, Mangali 7, Mungcal 5, Lilles 3.

Marianas Variety 86 — De-

vero 24, Fitial 22, Lauron 17, P. Factor 13, A. Factor 8.

Scoring by quarters: 25-25, 54-44, 74-68, 97-86.

Second Game

Cuadro PS 99 — Ferrer 29, Rabauliman 25, Estolas 24, Quan 7, Velasco 4, Guntar 4, Rivera 2, Guniacao 2, Directo 2.

Stephen's Pawnshop 94 — M. Duenas 32, Aranda 16, De Guzman 13, E. Duenas 8, Dela Rosa 8, Joyner 7, Abuy 6, Rabasto 2, Flores 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-25, 45-41, 71-68, 99-94.

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The 670 Sonics/PHI's Khristian Itaas goes up for an acrobatic shot against the Ol'Aces Elite's Albert Atan, left, and Andreu Omelau during the first half of their boys U15 division title game in the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The 670 Sonics/PHI's Christian Bravo, center, pulls up for a jump in front of two Ol'Aces Elite defenders.



The Ol'Aces Elite's Duncan Laxa attempts a baseline jumper.



Ol'Aces Elite's Kent Ogasawara, right, challenges the shot of the 670 Sonics/PHI's Clarence Contreras.



The 670 Sonics/PHI's Khristian, left, and Clarence Contreras, right, battles the Ol'Ace Elite's John Ichihara, partly hidden, for the rebound.



The Ol'Ace Elite's John Ichihara drives in between 670 Sonics/PHI defenders.



The Ol'Aces Elite's E.J. Abejos slips past the defense of the 670 Sonics/PHI's Earl Tabora for a layup.



The 670 Sonics/PHI's J.C. Ferrari, center, is hounded by the 'Aces Elite's Kent Ogasawara, left, while Albert Atan steps in to provide help defense.



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Lee inches closer to title sweep

Upsets mark start of playoffs



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Cuadro PS's Sid Quan drives against Stephen's Pawnshop's Jawn Joyner during the second quarter of their playoff game in the San Antonio summer caging last Wednesday at the San Antonio court.

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Arianne Fish Mart and Cuadro PS stunned their higher-seeded opponents to march into the semifinals of the 2017 San Antonio Summer Basketball League last Wednesday night at the San Antonio court.

No. 5 Arianne defeated No. 4 Marianas Variety in the first playoff game, 97-86, while No. 6 Cuadro PS pulled off an upset over No. 3 Stephen's Pawnshop in the nightcap, 99-94.

Frank Ferrer delivered clutch baskets for Cuadro PS, knocking 5 of the team's last 7 points to outclass Stephen's Pawnshop and hand his team the second semis seat. Sid Quan nailed the 2 other points for Cuadro PS, which battled Stephen's Pawnshop in a close match all throughout the game.

Ferrer finished with a team-high 29 points, while Marvin Rabauliman and Jun Estolas also had 20-plus outputs to help Cuadro PS negate the 32-point explosion of Stephen's Pawnshop's Matt Due-

nas. Rabauliman chipped in 25 markers, 8 came in the fourth quarter to keep Cuadro PS in the lead and counter Duenas' multiple baskets, while Esto-

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Carol Lee, seen here in a file photo taken during the 2016 Northern Marianas Junior Championships, advanced to the doubles finals of the Open BNP Paribas Junior de Nouvelle-Caledonie in New Caledonia.



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Another title sweep is within Carol Lee's reach, as she is still unbeaten in the Open BNP Paribas Junior de Nouvelle-Caledonie after yesterday's matches at the Ligue Caledonienne De Tennis in New Caledonia.

Miyawaki zeroes in on singles crown

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Malika Miyawaki won the all-CNMI game against Grace Choi, 6-0, 6-2, to virtually take the girls 16-and-under singles title in the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships.

Miyawaki's straight sets victory against Choi last Wednesday at the Tamuning courts in Guam gave the former a 4-0 record in the round-robin competition. She will go for a sweep today to officially win the division crown as she faces the Federated States of Micronesia's Tatiana Panuelo (1-3). Choi is done in the singles play with her 4-1 record and had already secured the



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Malika Miyawaki, seen here playing in the White Coconut Tennis Classic early this year, zeroed in on the girls 16-and-under singles title in the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships.

runner-up honors, as Guam's Joycelyn Tenai and Anika Sachdev had only two wins apiece, going into today's last set of matches.

In the girls 14-and-under singles, the CNMI's Maria Gregoire is a win away from getting the division championship. Gregoire holds a perfect 4-0 record, entering today's last game in round-robin play following her 6-4, 6-4 triumph against Guam Kaia Malakooti yesterday. Gregoire will meet FSM's Anne Skilling for the title, as the latter also improved her record to 4-0 after beating compatriot Parie Panuelo yesterday, 6-1, 6-0.

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Lee and her doubles partner Holly Stewart of New Zealand downed Japan's Sakura Kurokawa and Erika Matsuda in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-0, to bag the finals berth at the lower half of the draw and set up the a championship duel against Japan's Otoh Aoki and the U.S.'s Sara Tsukamoto. The No. 1-ranked Aoki and Tsukamoto also eased past Japan's Hitomi Toyama and Rima Toshida, 6-1, 6-3, to arrange the title showdown between the Top 2 seed teams in the division.

Lee will be on a mission when she plays Tsukamoto and Aoki in the doubles finals, as the CNMI bet (with Palau's Ayana Rengiill) also made it to the title game of the same tournament last year and lost to the Japanese and her teammate Koharu Nimi, 5-7, 4-6.

A victory over the No. 1 seed would not only avenge Lee's defeat at the hands of Aoki and Nimi, but will also moved the Commonwealth player closer to a second title sweep in New Caledonia. Last

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